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Ami Berkovich picks the Golan's newest crop — blueberries. [Leora Frucht photo]

Golan soil holds future for Israeli, Syrian farmers

(This is the second part of a continuing series on the Golan Heights.)

By LEORA FRUCHT

GOLAN HEIGHTS —

A vast charcoal black plateau with sporadic patches of apple orchards. A scarred landscape, marred by gaping trenches and fenced off minefields.

This is how the Golan Heights may look to most observers.

But not to Ami Berkovich.

Where others see volcanic terrain, Ami sees soil with unique potential. Where others see past battlegrounds, he sees the export of the future, maybe even the makings of a joint venture that would bring prosperity to Israeli and Syrian farmers alike. Where others see black plateaus, Ami sees fields of blue.

Ami Berkovich is an obstinate farmer with a dream: the transformation of thousands of acres of Golan countryside into the blueberry belt of the Middle East.

Berkovich has spent the last 10 years of his life, defeating all the odds stacked against his unlikely scheme: textbooks that said blueberries couldn't be grown on soil like that of the Golan; conservative bureaucrats reluctant to adopt what seemed to them like a whimsical idea; and years of ruined crops attesting to the difficulty of his enterprise.

Today he can point victoriously to 10 acres of blueberry bushes thriving in seven locations in the Golan Heights — and, to Israel's first successful blueberry harvest. What's more, the Golan fruit is available when few other blueberries are found on the world market — which explains why the first batch to make the debut in Europe this fall was snatched up at hefty prices, and why large American fruit marketing companies are anxious to sell the Golan berries worldwide.

Plans are underway to cultivate hundreds of acres of Golan farmland — and if Berkovich has his way up to 2,500 acres — until this area become the blueberry belt of the region.

One could say that Ami Berkovich is on the verge of realizing his dream — except for one hitch. Even he, with all his resourcefulness, is at a loss to contend with the most awesome obstacle to date: the possible, and, in his view, imminent return of the Golan Heights to Syria.

"It's a terrible feeling that I can't shake," he says quietly. "It haunts me all the time. It's a feeling that all of this may be for nothing."

Berkovich's attachment to the Golan Heights is, as he puts it, "that of a farmer." "I feel a part of this land," he says simply. The bleak windswept hilltops, the cool air, the rugged landscape have, over the years, become a part of him. He has spent exactly 23 years — more than half his life — on the Golan Heights.

He came to the region upon graduating from agricultural school in 1969, putting his expertise to use right away on Kibbutz Merom Golan. The first Jewish settlement on the Golan Heights, it was established immediately after the Six-Day War on a former Syrian army base. There, he met his American-born wife, Marie, and together raised four children.

A few years ago, the family left the well-established kibbutz to move to a newly-founded moshav (a non-communal agricultural settlement), called Sha'al, a few miles away.

Today, Berkovich is both a private farmer with his own plot of apple orchards on Sha'al, and an employee of Research and Development on the Golan Heights (RDG), an organization founded by the region's farmers to develop agriculture throughout the Golan. It was in his role as an RDG employee that he embarked on his pet project. "Apples are how I make my living," he explains. "Blueberries are my life."

The unusual idea was first sparked by Ami's wife, Marie. A native of Michigan, the heart of America's blueberry belt, she used to reminisce nostalgically about her berries. During a trip to the United States in 1980, Ami make a point of seeing the famed

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Editorial

Yes to Canada

The decision facing Canadians next week is the most personal exercise of political power most of us have ever been called upon to make.

Amidst the texts and interpretations, there is one fundamental question that we must answer: will Canadians be better off if the Charlottetown accord is approved? We must answer that as Canadians; as Canadian Jews we will, of course, measure the accord against the gauge of our experience within Canada.

We believe the answer is Yes.

This accord does not fit any known model of a constitution. But Canada is a unique country. Its history is that of two European nations who, in succession, imposed their cultures on already existing native ones, and who then accepted — and continue to accept — waves of immigration from every corner of the globe. We have known various concepts of nationhood: that of the nation-state, forged in 300 years of loyalty to a distinct language and culture; that of the nation of immigrants, expansive, egalitarian and assimilationist; and finally, after centuries of displacement and exploitation, that of the first nations, seeking the power to reclaim their sense of belonging in the land which once was theirs alone.

Nowhere else in the world is there a country like this: a country which came together in 1867 in a unique understanding between French and English that nationhood did not mean homogeneity; a country which, over the ensuing 125 years, has sought to develop a framework under the protection of constitutional law that will accommodate the aspirations not only of French and English but of all its disparate peoples. The Charlottetown accord, worked out in debate and compromise, is a logical continuation of this constitutional process. Precisely because it seeks to reconcile different visions of what our nation is, it does not satisfy those who give their loyalty to only one vision, whether that be of a sovereign nation state, or of a land that must be reclaimed by its original inhabitants, or of a New World society which assimilates all its citizens into a new identity.

What the Charlottetown accord does, in fact, is acknowledge the reality that Canada is all of these — and more. Like the country itself, it is a remarkable achievement. If Canadians, in all their diversity, say Yes, we are saying we have the courage to build a country in which the whole is greater than its parts. A No means we have given up the attempt.

As Jews, we have known the pain of displacement; the strengths of national cohesiveness; and the freedom and benefits of an egalitarian and open society. Measured against these experiences, we can acknowledge the rightfulness of restoring the power of self-government that was taken from native Canadians. We can comprehend the desire of Quebecers to nurture a culture and language with deep roots in Canadian soil.

All Canadians will, undoubtedly, be better off in a country that can accommodate our differences and permit them not merely to co-exist, but to enrich us.

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The most vigorous criticism that has been levelled against the accord is that, in reaching this accommodation, the concept of the equality of individuals is jeopardized. If we had no Charter of Rights, nor experience with the adjudication of these rights by the Supreme Court, we might have reason for apprehension.

The "Canada clause," the focus of the concern that collective rights may override individual rights, describes characteristics of the country which already exist; it does not create new rights — nor new characteristics of Canada. To hold that our constitutional framework should be built *without* reference to these fundamental characteristics is to deny the reality of our country.

Again, our experience as Jews has been that a legal system, open to debate and dissenting opinion, but rooted in the fundamental nature of our society, is a remarkable instrument for maintaining continuity while responding to change.

All Canadians will be better off within a constitutional framework that acknowledges our will to have a country, and at the same time our will to preserve and benefit from our diversity.

The choice between Yes and No is, in fact, a choice between rejoicing in what we have accomplished and continuing to create a new kind of nation, or falling back into outmoded models and sterile debate.

All Canadians will be better off if we have the courage to say Yes.

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Referendum '92

The People Speak

Compiled by PAUL LUNGEN

Reluctantly, with many reservations but with a sense of finally putting Canada's constitutional navel-gazing to bed, Jews across the country appear ready to cast their votes for the Yes side in the upcoming national referendum, according to informal polls conducted by CJN correspondents in 10 cities.

While there was skepticism about the Charlottetown Accord across the country, with one person promising to hold his nose while casting a Yes ballot, voters in British Columbia and Alberta appeared most likely to translate their concerns into No votes.

Support for the accord appeared strongest in Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, where only two of 25 people polled by The CJN voiced strong opposition to the deal.

Here's how opinions stack up coast to coast.

VICTORIA

Julie Margolese said she has been impressed by arguments — especially those presented by New Democrat Dave Barrett — that the accord is a satisfactory compromise. She said the benefits of agreeing to the deal outweigh the objections. However, she is unhappy with the hard sell being pushed by the deal's proponents.

Lynn Rauch said she and her husband **Dr. Bernie Rauch,** former Montrealers who have been living in Victoria for 18 years, will vote Yes because "we must stay together." She said if more Western Canadians had ties to Quebec, they too would feel as she does.

Rosalyn Chodos, a former Torontonian now living in Victoria, said, "I think I'll vote Yes, mainly because I feel that voting No would be a sort of slap in the face for Quebec.

"I sometimes wonder about some of the things they do in Quebec and I'm not sure Quebecers always get a clear picture in their media of what's going on in the rest of Canada, and what will happen if they break away. But I feel strongly that Canada should stay together and we can iron out other differences later. I do have a fear that the country will break up if it's a No vote."

A more critical appraisal of the Charlottetown agreement was advanced by **Allan Klenman,** archivist for the Victoria Jewish community. He said he wanted to vote Yes, "but I can only agree when I know what the referendum proposals mean.

"Democracy is too important to ignore the legalities," he said.

Klenman is unhappy with the provision that guarantees Quebec 25 percent representation in the House of Commons. "That's not good for British Columbia," he said. "We lose too much power."

A more definitive negative appraisal of the accord was advanced by **Sol Bayer,** a chartered accountant who moved to the West Coast from Montreal in June.

"As a new British Columbian, it looks to me that most of the power is centred in Quebec and Ontario and they seem to cater to the needs of the Quebec bureaucracy. British Columbia is the fastest growing province in Canada but seems to have been ignored in the negotiations."

Bayer said Quebec would be getting more than it should if the number of its MPs was increased. "If that would satisfy Quebec, I would be agreeable to the proposition. They're going to want more and they will never be satisfied because it's a question of nationalism."

He said he left Quebec "because it's a little frightening to see what's happening to the non-francophones."

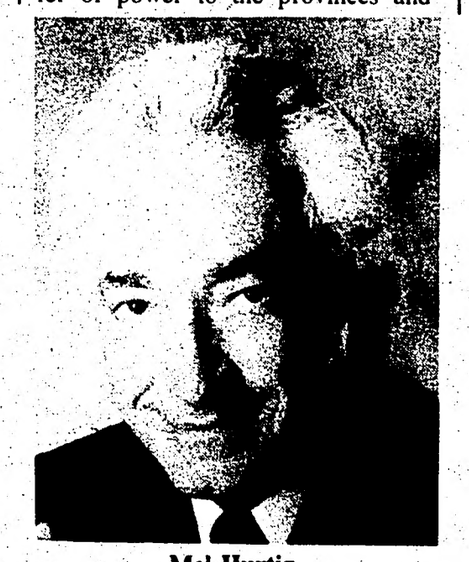
VANCOUVER

Richard Brail, a lawyer, said he will vote Yes. "But I don't like the idea of being told everything will fall apart if we don't vote that way," he said.

Brail expressed doubts about Quebec being guaranteed 25 percent of the seats in the House of Commons.

He thinks the plan for aboriginal self-government has been "poorly thought out" and he is concerned because he feels it does not take into consideration individual rights.

Meanwhile, Edmonton publisher **Mel Hurtig,** in Victoria to deliver a speech to the Women's Canadian Club, said, "If the constitutional deal is approved, there will be a massive transfer of power to the provinces and



Mel Hurtig

provincial premiers. . . The federal government will become a shell with no ability to evolve strong national programs. . . National standards, such as environmental limits, will be a thing of the past as will the chance of any new social programs such as children's denticare or day care." He called for a No vote.

CALGARY/EDMONTON

Of 11 people polled in Calgary and Edmonton, eight indicated support for the Yes side, three said they would vote No.

Larry Shapiro, 59, said he would vote Yes to put an end to constitutional wrangling and get on with the economy. "National unity is an abstract thing," he said. It has no intrinsic value but what does have value is the economy.

"If the country splits up we'll find it more difficult to compete in the world and even to sell to Quebec."

Shapiro, a retired businessman and political activist, said "a split will have a bad effect on my ability to make a living in this country, so it is in my interest to have a cohesive country which includes Quebec."

Businessman **Nate Feldman,** 45, said a No vote could lead to "economic disaster." It could lead to Quebec separation and a weakening of Canada's presence in the world, he said.

Ruth Carnat, 76, said she wished she knew more about the issues. "I'm inclined to vote Yes only because I would like a united Canada and to give everybody the benefit of the doubt. But I don't know enough about what we're voting on."

Archie Shapiro, 78, said a Yes vote would get the constitution off the government's table. Shapiro, a retired salesman, said Canada should focus on the problems of unemployment, loss of industry and the environment. "I've read some of the accord and still have to get clarification on some issues, but I don't want the constitutional debate to go on for another five years," he said.

Eric Libin, a 37-year-old stockbroker, said he has concerns over the erosion of the principle of one person, one vote. "If we're guaranteeing Quebec 25 percent of the seats in the House of Commons and the population declines below 25 percent, what happened to one man, one vote? However, I will vote Yes only because the alternatives are worse. It is the lesser of two evils."

Jon Nobleman, a 42-year-old businessman, said he'll support the Yes side. Emotion is taking precedence over reason in the current debate, he said.

"I'm concerned about the economy," Nobleman said. "If the No vote prevails, there will be instability, the dollar will fall, the economy will be worse, the recession longer.

"In the West, people are concerned that Quebec will have greater rights and powers. I think that's a misconception."

Carol Ritch, a "40-something" nurse and freelance journalist, said she'd switched back and forth on the issue. "Right now, I'm voting Yes.

"My feeling is that the accord is a pretty good way to start to heal the wounds that exist now and get on with the other things. But I have concerns about equality for women, concerns about whether the degree of proposed decentralization is good for the country and whether the Charter of Rights is falling too far down on the priority list."

Faith Riback, a 57-year-old businesswoman, said she will vote Yes. "The accord is a beginning and as much as there are things I don't like about it, at least it is a beginning. It is a positive forward step and I want Canada to stay together."

University student **Ezra Levant** has a different view. After discussing the issue extensively, he concluded that "[The accord] does things that offend me. It defines Canadians according to race, conferring different rights if you're native, white or a French Quebecer; it violates the principles of democracy by according provinces and people powers that exceed those they would get from representation by population; it commits the federal government to support a range of provincial programs — it is a recipe for more debt and higher taxes; and this accord is a politician's dream as it calls for many more conferences.

"I hate it and I'm campaigning against it," he said.

Abby Robins, 30, is also voting No. Robins, a story co-ordinator for television drama, said the country would not fall apart in the wake of a No vote. Robins resented "politicians' scare tactics. . . I can't stand the idea that [Prime Minister] Brian Mulroney will have something on his record that is positive. I resent the French being singled out as a distinct society — natives are a distinct society, Jews are a distinct society. Where do you draw the line?

"Just because the constitutional debate has been drawn out for so long does not mean you have to say, 'I'm tired of this issue' and vote Yes," Robins said.

Ed Rosenbaum, 46, said he opposes the accords. Rosenbaum, a dentist, said everybody within Confederation should be treated equally. "We must start the constitution with that premise and make amendments from there. Everybody is created equal. Nobody should receive extra rights or benefit."

WINNIPEG

Responses within the Jewish community appear to more strongly support the Yes side than does the general population in Manitoba. While most of those canvassed said they would vote Yes, polls in the prairie province indicate a majority sentiment against the accords.

Retired senior **Fred Narvey** is planning to vote Yes, albeit reluctantly. "The fact that all three major political parties and organized labor are on the same side is convincing. I have great respect for [Canadian Labor Congress president] Bob White. I believe Quebec is entitled to get what it is getting.

"Unless we regard them as distinct, there will always be trouble. The Quebecois are equal partners in confederation. With a common tradition, culture and language, they fit the definition of a nation and should be treated as such. I just hate to think I may be helping Mulroney win re-election."

Laurel Zahn is also voting Yes. "The sooner this constitutional debate is resolved, the sooner we can begin to deal with economic issues," said the

Laurel Zahn

inner city nurse. "I see a lot of people who are barely hanging on economically."

David Gotthilf, president of Viewpoints Research, a national polling company is pessimistic about the outcome. "I think Canada effectively died two years ago and these are the last throes. It is a predictable outcome of the defeat of Meech Lake. This is the best deal we could arrive at after Meech Lake. I don't think it will get enough support and the result will be the country will break apart."

Senior **George Skulsky** supports the deal for several reasons. "If Preston Manning (head of the Reform Party) and [Former Prime Minister Pierre Elliot] Trudeau are opposed to this agreement, then I'm for it," he said. "Trudeau is always bashing Quebec. As well, the Jewish people and Jewish culture have flourished in Montreal.

George Skulsky

We have a better chance to flouirsh where there is more than one main linguistic group. At one time, the Quebec government offered us our own Jewish schools."

Senior **Miriam Zucker** will probably vote Yes, although she says she isn't sure that the referendum will end the debate.

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Canada

Yes and No forces square off in debate

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For Judy Rebick, saying No to the Oct. 26 referendum is not a repudiation of Canada. In fact, it may be the most patriotic thing Canadians can do.

A Yes vote next week "will destroy the Canada we care about ... a Canada that promotes equality and justice," Rebick told a packed meeting of mostly women last week at the Toronto headquarters of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Rebick, the fiery president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) and steadfast opponent of the Charlottetown accord, went head to head in a debate on the deal with former NAC president and member of Parliament Lynn McDonald, who praised the pact as a major step forward.

The discussion, at times low-key, centred on what a Yes vote will mean for aboriginal and other women and for ethnic and religious minorities.

The accord may be imperfect but "there's something in it for everyone," said McDonald, an NDP MP from 1982 to 1988.

McDonald lauded the consensus reached by the federal government, premiers, leaders of the territories and aborginal governments, but conceded the process leading up to the August agreement included women "only in very small numbers."

Nevertheless, the deal "sets out a vision for Canada," one that would protect the environment to a greater degree, see an elected Senate and entrench gender equality.

"What an embarrassment for a democratic country to have an unelected Senate." With a Senate to be chosen, "we're going to be more democratic," and women will have a chance to achieve gender parity in the upper chamber, McDonald said.

Lynn McDonald

Judy Rebick

Under the accord, no governments could change the entrenchment of gender equality, spelled out in the 1982 patriation of the Constitution, she explained.

If there's a No vote next week, "our problems won't go away." The accord "is a major step forward. It's about where we go. We all have to give something up but we all gain something."

McDonald argued that the federal government has historically never been able to unilaterally impose programs in areas of provincial jurisdiction. Another stab at a constitutional agreement "won't look much different from this one."

Rebick argued that under the deal, social programs will be determined by Ottawa and the provinces and will appeal to "the lowest common denominator."

She said the wealthier provinces — Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia — would likely opt out of a national child care program and spend the cash compensation elsewhere.

The accord presents a "constitutional barrier" to social programs, while the Canada clause granting Quebec distinct status would "undermine" the rights of women and minorities, she said.

Rebick blasted the Mulroney government for its "fear mongering" during this campaign and argued that the referendum was unnecessary.

"We met with [Mulroney's chief of staff] Hugh Segal and pleaded with him not to have a referendum." Once the NAC was resigned to a national plebiscite, it was assured its views would be reflected in a final document, Rebick said. In the end, "not one point" was.

Aboriginal women were "contemptuously excluded" from negotiations and now don't feel safe because their problems won't be solved, she stated.

A No vote would send a message to politicians to listen to their constituents and could lead to a better agreement, Rebick said.

BQ leader Lucien Bouchard meets Jewish community

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Only days before the constitutional referendum, sovereigntist Bloc Quebecois (BQ) leader Lucien Bouchard met for the first time with members of a slightly jittery Jewish community and did his best to reassure them that pluralism and democracy would prevail should Quebec achieve independence one day.

A No vote on Oct. 26, Bouchard said to an audience of approximately 80 Jewish community officials and representatives at Federation CJA headquarters, will not be viewed the next morning as a yes for sovereignty,and sovereigntists will not assume that it is.

Bouchard, however, did say the BQ and other sovereigntists will use a No vote to pursue the secessionist cause and a clear-cut referendum on sovereignty.

Bouchard was strongly critical of the Charlottetown accord, saying it would give Quebec no new powers and seems more like a "temporary administrative arrangement" than a constitution.

But for a significant part of his appearance, Bouchard tried to assure the audience, which gave him a round of applause after his remarks, that its concerns over Quebec nationalism, while understandable in the light of Jewish history, are unwarranted.

Jews should understand Quebec's drive toward independence more than most, he said. Like the Jews, Quebecers have been confined to a ghetto and excluded from international life because they don't have their own country, Bouchard stated.

"I must be frank," he said to a question posed by Rhoda Vineberg, chairman of Federation CJA's Women's Division. "If I were a member of the Jewish community, it would not be obvious (to me) that sovereignty is good for me.

"(But) I would try to cast a harder look on what type of nationalism Quebec nationalism is."

It is a nationalism, Bouchard repeated, that is "open," democratic, and committed to tolerance and pluralism.

Earlier in his remarks, Bouchard shifted over to English to address this very point.

Bouchard recognized that Quebec, like other parts of North America during the 1930s, discriminated against Jews. "No one could be proud of it," he said.

But the Parti Quebecois and its leader Jacques Parizeau are committed to democratic principles, he said. In that light, Bouchard was harshly critical of federalists who have said that Quebec would also need a francophone Yes in the referendum for the decision to be acceptable in the province.

It should also be remembered, he said, that francophone Quebecers know what it feels like to be treated as a minority.

Bouchard also strongly criticized comments made by high-profile nationalist Daniel Latouche, who in a recent *CJN* interview (Oct. 1) voiced fear that the Yes position taken by the Jewish-Italian-Greek coalition could generate a backlash by rightwing elements within the PQ.

"He is absolutely wrong," Bouchard said. "It [Latouche's view] is contrary to all the beliefs and fundamental commitments of the Parti Quebecois.

Such a reaction "would be suicide for the PQ."

During the question-and-answer session, Bouchard added that should sovereignty be achieved, he hoped a "dialogue" would be encouraged with the Jewish community to narrow the distance between themselves and sovereigntists. "This is my first meeting in four years, and there should be more."

On the issue of language rights, Bouchard weighed his words carefully. He had nothing against the "development of the anglophone community" as stipulated in the Canada Clause of the Charlottetown accord, but it was a very "delicate" issue since the clause would raise "uncertainty" over its ability to keep Bill 101, Quebec's Franch language charter, intact.

However, Bouchard added he is against Bill 178, the law using the notwithstanding clause to outlaw bilingual outdoor commercial signs, which he said "has not been good for Quebec or our international image."

Before addressing the group, Bouchard met privately with Jewish commuity leaders, but one participant said that general issues of inter-cultural relations, not the referendum, was more the focus of the meeting.

In contrast to the last "public" talk with a sovereigntist figure, Parti Quebecois vice-president Bernard Landry last January, the audience this time seemed slightly more receptive.

Seated alongside Bouchard were Manuel Shacter, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region; Frank Schlesinger, also of CJC; and Joseph Gabay, president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec.

B.C.'s Harcourt pushes for Yes vote

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

The eyes of Canada will be on British Columbia on Oct. 26 "because we'll be the last province to be able to say Yes" to the referendum on the constitution, B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt told 150 representatives of multicultural organizations at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver. B.C. is in the Pacific time zone and thus votes later than Eastern Canada.

People who say there will be no consequences as the result of a No vote are "cruelly deluding" B.C. citizens, Harcourt said. He said "the sky won't fall in," with a No vote, but cautioned that a No vote could lead to political and economic instability and uncertainty for years. "We could be in a constitutional quagmire."

The premier said it's important to stress what's positive in the Charlottetown agreement and how important it is to have a stable Canada — especially for those who have come here from unstable countries. "Every citizen is an expert in deciding on the constitution," he continued. "Use your own common sense and don't be influenced by the media or politicians. You have a grave responsibility and every person's vote counts."

It wasn't a rah-rah affair. The speeches were low key and the audience listened carefully and asked questions, but displayed only mild enthusiasm and applauded politely. Just the day before, the headlines of the daily papers proclaimed that B.C. was heading for a No vote.

The premier had been severely criticised by the media in past weeks for "giving away the store" by not insisting on gaining more representation in the House of Commons because of the rapid growth of population in British Columbia.

He said the province will get four more seats now and because the population will likely double to more than six million within the next 30 to 40 years, the representation in the House will grow proportionately because no province will have fewer than 95 percent in the House under strict rep by population. He added that British Columbia will have gained about seven seats within the next six years.

He pointed also to the changed Senate as a gain for British Columbia. The province will get six of the 62 elected senators and the West, in total, will have a 40 percent representation in the Senate.

During the question period, Renee Switzer Bellas, chairman of the CJC Pacific region, said the Jewish community is more concerned about unity than the differences. She wanted to know "what's there in it (the accord) for Canada?"

Harcourt said that "I'd like us to get through this successfully so we can get down to other very important problems." He added that a No vote would likely result in "many more hours of lawyers' negotiations at $300 per hour."

In another development, the Victoria-based Vote No for Canada Committee issued a report claiming the Charlottetown accord is "racist" and will produce a series of "Okas" in the West because it guarantees Native Indians "almost unlimited powers."

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Andrew Petter and Wendy Grant, B.C. vice-chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said the report was a "shocking example of racism" and "an ugly and distorted view of the agreement and the history of the Aboriginal people." Petter said he wasn't surprised at the committee's comments "because the committee has Doug Christie as one of its spokespeople."

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Canada

Canadian Young Judaea to celebrate 75th anniversary

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) will celebrate its 75th anniversary on November 15 at the Westbury Hotel with a reunion that promises to be both lively and nostalgic. The evening will include awards, door prizes, Israeli dancing and singalong and a display of memorabilia.

The Zionist youth movement, with offices in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Halifax, is well known for its summer camps — Shalom and Solelim in Ontario, Kinneret and Biluim Canada in Quebec, Kadimah and Machar in Nova Scotia, and Hatikvah in British Columbia — all of which lead up to the Biluim Israel program for 17-year-olds.

Perhaps less well known by some people are the year-round weekly educational/activity programs for youngsters from age 8 which have been the backbone of CYJ since its inception in 1917. (The summer camps date back to the 1950s.)

In recent years, outreach to small Jewish communities has become "one of the main goals" of the movement, says Shmulik Levkovitz, shaliach at Young Judaea's national office, located on Marlee Avenue in Toronto. "Here in Toronto we have a lot of Jewish education available," Levkovitz told *The CJN* in a recent interview, pointing out the contrast with communities such as Niagara Falls, Oakville, Kitchener, Kingston, Sudbury and Newmarket.

An abundance of Jewish and Israeli culture and history, without political or religious overtones, forms the common thread running through all CYJ activities. "Judaism is a religion to celebrate. We expect [all programming] to be thematic in some way," national executive director Risa Epstein-Gamliel said. "We demand a very high quality program from our staff at all levels," she said. Seminars in Israel are part of the training for senior staff.

Epstein-Gamliel grew up in Canadian Young Judaea. "I went right through the camp system from 8 to 17 and returned for five years on staff [including two years as program director at Biluim Canada]," she said. She also attended weekly programs with a group who have remained close friends. The experience "eased the road into adulthood," she said. "Being part of the organization gave us some sort of meaning and direction."

Epstein-Gamliel's duties as executive director complement those of Levkovitz and the movement's other shaliach, Gadi Anavi in Montreal. Her position was created in part to enhance the sense of continuity which is broken when a shaliach returns to Israel.

The movement is offering a new program this summer called Discover Israel. It opens up the possibilities of a CYJ program in Israel to previously "unaffiliated" teens. In contrast, Biluim Israel is geared to students who "grew up in the [camp] system."

Canadian Young Judaea is the youth arm of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and is affiliated with HaNoar HaZioni in Israel, as well as the Canadian Zionist Organization.

For further information about the movement or its upcoming reunion, contact the CYJ office at (416) 781-5156.

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There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Holocaust revisionist Irving is barred from Canada

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

British Holocaust revisionist David Irving has been barred from entering Canada, effectively scuttling a slew of planned appearances across the country.

Irving was served with a legal notice in Los Angeles last week, stating he cannot enter Canada because of a hate law under which he was convicted in Germany last year.

The hand-delivered letter from the immigration department of Canada's consulate in Los Angeles cited Irving's criminal record and added "there are reasonable grounds to believe [Irving] will commit one or more offenses" in Canada.

The controversial author, whose main claim is that the number of Jews murdered at Auschwitz has been greatly exaggerated and that gas chambers there were added after World War II as a tourist attraction, was slated to kick off his Canadian speaking tour in Vancouver on Oct. 28.

He was also scheduled to speak in Salmon Arm, Calgary, Hamilton, Kitchener, Ottawa and Toronto.

A planned speech in Milton, Ont. was cancelled after public pressure forced a local hotel owner to back out of his contract with Irving.

According to Immigration Department spokesman Gerry Maffre, Irving is banned from Canada but he can appeal and he is entitled to an adjudication hearing.

Ultimately, it will be up to an adjudicator to decide whether Irving can enter Canada.

Maffre said it's likely Irving would be returned to the United States pending a hearing.

As of last week, Irving's lawyer, Douglas Christie of Victoria, said he was searching for a remedy, perhaps a federal court injunction, that would allow his client immediate entry to Canada.

According to another immigration spokesman, should Irving try to enter Canada to deliver his speeches, he would have to declare his intentions at the border. If he failed to do that, he would be arrested for misrepresentation.

Jewish groups who had lobbied federal Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt to bar Irving welcomed the decision.

They cited the German law under which he was convicted and fined last year following a speech in a Munich beer hall. The law makes it an offence to deliver public statements "insulting to the memory of the dead," and Jewish organizations here argued it is similar enough to Canadian hate laws to keep Irving out.

According to CJC's Bernie Farber, Congress will fight any legal moves by Christie.

In Kitchener last week, over 200 members of the Jewish community gathered at Beth Jacob Congregation to plan how to turn up the heat on local merchant Michael Rothe.

Rothe, owner of European Sound, a downtown stereo shop, was paying for Irving's visit to Kitchener. Irving was to have appeared at Rothe's shop.

Last Friday, local Jewish leaders met again and decided to hold daily noon-hour protests in front of Rothe's store.

As well, CJC has laid a complaint with Waterloo Regional Police against signs in Rothe's shop window, which question the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust. CJC's complaint alleges the signs violate the Criminal Code's hate laws.

Waterloo police are also investigating an incident in which Rothe allegedly attacked a Jewish woman.

Longtime Jewish community activist Monna Zentner was allegedly struck by Rothe when Zentner was picketing in front of the shop.

Zentner, a 55-year-old professor of social sciences at the University of Waterloo, has picketed Rothe's shop before, usually on Saturdays and with friends.

But on Oct. 3, she went to Rothe's shop alone. According to witness Michael Lublin, she had placed several signs against the shop and was picketing in front of it.

Lublin told *The CJN* that Rothe emerged from the store, threw the signs away and then punched Zentner in the head.

Zentner, who was uninjured except for a bump on her head, told *The CJN* she will continue protesting Rothe. "I'm not gutsy. It's just something I have to do."

Zentner returned to protest in front of Rothe's store on Oct. 10. She said about 50 people joined her, almost all of them non-Jews.

Referendum '92

Jewish legal community split over accord

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Is the Charlottetown accord a document forged in the finest tradition of Canadian compromise — accommodating diverse interests while respecting human rights — or does it represent a serious erosion of the fundamental principles enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

Just as Canadians at large are at odds over that question, so too are a number of lawyers, law professors and others close to the constitutional discussions who were canvassed by *The CJN*.

For proponents of the accord, the deal is the best that can be managed given the many competing constituencies involved in the negotiations. Opponents of the agreement point to the "Canada clause" that recounts at the accord's outset "fundamental Canadian values" and argue that the rights achieved under the Charter are so seriously eroded by the clause that the entire accord should be voted down.

Lawyer **Eric Maldoff** is a strong supporter of the Charlottetown accord who is prepared to tackle critics of the agreement head on.

"I think the agreement represents a renewed commitment to a united Canada while providing all Canadians with the reassurance that the diversity of this country, which has been the source of so much of Canada's strength, is also acknowledged," he said.

Maldoff, founding president of Alliance Quebec and one of five co-chairman of the Committee of English Speaking Quebecers for Yes, called the accord "a negotiated agreement resulting from [consultations with] an enormous number of Canadians" as well as being based on the input of political leaders representing diverse regions from across the country.

Bringing together so many elements and finding a workable compromise is one of Canada's strengths, Maldoff asserted. He served as legal counsel to the Liberal members of the Dobbie-Beaudoin Commission.

Referring to the contention that individual rights are weakened in the accord, Maldoff said "that argument is wrong. It displays a fundamental misconception. The constitution establishes the primacy of individual rights" as set out in the Charter.

"The Canada clause," he continued, "is merely an interpretive clause. It does not create rights. It says that when we interpret rights, we should take into account eight fundamental elements of Canada. . . It does not reduce through judicial interpretation what makes Canada unique."

The Canada clause must be read in conjunction with other subsections that reflect a commitment to human rights, racial, ethnic and gender equality, he said.

The recognition of Quebec as a distinct society merely affirms its existing powers to preserve its culture — it does not create new powers, he argued.

Referring to critiques that the Canada clause establishes a hierarchy of Canadians whose rights depend on their backgrounds, Maldoff said the rights of Canadians remain set out in the Charter. The Canada clause "describes the diverse characteristics of Canada that make it unique.

"This is not creating classes of citizens," he argued. "It is merely recognizing characteristics of Canadian society that Canadians hold dear to them."

Minority communities like the Jews should understand Quebec's preoccupation with its survival, Maldoff said. "That assurance of survival and support is fundamental to Canadian unity." If Quebec feels that rest of the country is indifferent to its fate, Quebecois may ask whether they'd be better off outside Confederation, he added.

Critics of provisions allowing aboriginal self government should realize that natives are currently governed by the Indian Act, which is no less racially based than what the accord provides. The accord, on the other hand, moves away from colonialism and paternalism and recognizes that natives will take responsibility for themselves, he said.

Ann Bayefsky

Ann Bayefsky is one of the opponents of the accord who bases her opposition in part on its provisions dealing with aboriginal self government.

Bayefsky, a professor of law at the University of Toronto, said "the Canada clause creates a hierarchy of rights. The government of Quebec and the governments of aboriginal peoples are given the power to undermine individual rights and freedoms in the name of collective needs. Weaker protections are given to linguistic minorities in comparison to the powers of a distinct society and aboriginal peoples."

Furthermore, "very weak protection is given to the equality of rights of racial and ethnic minorities and for gender equality," she said. "These clauses contain no reference to a commitment by government to promote or achieve racial, ethnic or gender equality."

Jews in particular should be concerned that the Canada clause does not even mention religious minorities when it sets out the fundamental characteristics of Canada, she said. Apparently, "freedom from discrimination on the basis of religion is not a goal considered fundamental to Canadian society and this ought to be of critical importance to Canada's Jewish population," Bayefsky said.

government have never supported the Charter, she said.

Referring to the argument that the Canada clause does not create substantive law but has merely an interpretive aspect, Bayefsky said "interpretation or application, as any lawyer knows, is nine-tenths of the law."

Hershell Ezrin, who was principal secretary to Ontario premier David Peterson during the Meech Lake discussions, said constitutions need not be perfect instruments. They are documents that change and evolve. "We must measure a deal by a basic standard: is it an effective and creative document that helps us move forward," he said.

Ezrin, a member of Congress' community relations committee, believes the Charlottetown agreement fits the bill. It was developed in a situation where competing interests had to be balanced, he said.

Canada is a unique confederation in which collective and individual rights are balanced. The accord offers an appropriate solution to that balancing act, he suggested.

Referring to criticism that the accord enshrines undemocratic elements by guaranteeing Quebec 25 percent of representation in the Commons, Ezrin said "Canadian democracy is safeguarded in the system we have. I can understand the concerns," but in the current system, there are examples where something less than pure democracy reigns.

Ezrin said it is important to examine the consequences of a No vote. "If we find the country becomes unstable, does the Jewish community benefit from that or from a government focusing on the constitution as opposed to other issues," he asked.

Hershell Ezrin

Prof. **Lorraine Weinrib** remains highly critical of the deal. Fundamental questions of how Canadians will govern themselves have been left inadequately answered, the University of Toronto law professor said.

Based on a reading of the accord, Weinrib said she has "deep concerns about the relationship of the individual to the government."

The Canada clause, which sets out the fundamental characteristics of the country and which "form the prism through which Charter rights are interpreted," especially concerns her.

She feels that the clause gives the court legal bases to interpret legislation in a manner that could lead to the weakening of individual rights.

In addition, the existing override provision (which allows legislatures to expressly remove the operation of the Charter from legislation for a period of five years) will be applicable to aboriginal self-government.

These native governments may not be democratic — some may be led by hereditary chiefs, she said.

Furthermore, the Canada clause does not mention a commitment to religious equality or equal treatment of the aged and disabled, she said.

The Jewish community should be concerned by the accords since they are "a marked departure from the Charter."

Jews' historical experience should teach them that "there are no collective rights, only collective powers to impose [the majority] culture and priorities on everybody in society," Weinrib said.

McGill University law professor **Irwin Cotler** believes the majority of Quebec Jews will support the Yes side in the Oct. 26 vote, primarily because it represents a vote for the federalist agenda.

On the other hand, he said, many of them are uncomfortable with some of the agreement's particulars.

Cotler said some may share the view that the accord creates a hierarchy of rights and undercuts the principle of equality in the Charter — which they may perceive as being bad for the Jews.

And while he believes the Jewish community will support the accord because of its federalist "subtext," Jews remain uneasy at the unusual alignment of political forces in Quebec which sees former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on the same side of the issue as Parti Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau.

Cotler described the outcome of the vote as likely creating a lose-lose situation. A narrow Yes vote in which the province's non-francophones support the deal but in which the majority of the fancophone community voted No, may not have legitimacy in the eyes of nationalist forces, he said.

An outright majority No vote could lead to a political unravelling and political uncertainty has never been a comfortable situation for Jews, he said.

Whatever the vote, emotions have been raised by the ongoing debate and that could require a period after Oct. 26 to heal wounds, said **Victor Goldbloom,** Canada's commissioner of official languages.

Goldbloom said he has circulated a letter to religious leaders asking them to be prepared to mend the polarization and bitterness engendered by the debate.

He said that while he was remaining neutral in the constitutional discussions, he had asked Christian, Jewish and Islamic clergymen to base their post-vote sermons or church publications on the biblical precept to love your neighbor as yourself.

'Surprised and dismayed'

"I am surprised and dismayed that the Canadian Jewish community has chosen to ignore the threat posed by the Canada clause to the struggle to combat religious discrimination," she said. "After all, freedom of religion and freedom of discrimination on the basis of religion are parts of the Charter. But the Charter is quite deliberately not set out as a fundamental characteristic of Canada," she pointed out.

Bayefsky suggested that the Charter was deliberately downgraded in the Canada clause while Quebec and aboriginal leaders sought to entrench collective rights in the constitution. The other premiers and the federal

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Yes Gets The Nod

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Sophie Tapper works with Winnipeg's Russian Jewish community, helping them adjust to life in Canada. "I am undecided," she said. "There are a lot of negative points in this deal, but I don't know which way to turn."

Sophie Tapper

Businessman **Ken Zelickson,** who is leaning to the No side, is unhappy with the entire voting process. "It's a waste of time," he said. "There are more important things to concentrate on. Most people can't be bothered with this anymore."

Tillie Goren, who is retired from the footwear business, said she has been listening to economists and bankers. "They say a vote for unity will be important in boosting the economy. I am skeptical about some parts of the deal and the Quebec issue is a problem but I feel strongly that I will vote Yes."

"I'm a lawyer and I don't understand the issues," said **Jay Prober.** "I don't know the question. I don't like the idea of voting on a deal when I haven't seen the text.

Jay Prober

"The priorities here are way out of touch with the rest of the country whose concerns are jobs and the economy," he said. "I won't decide how to vote until I have a better understanding of the accord. I have a feeling though that Mulroney may be in for a shock. He may lose partly because he is so unpopular."

HAMILTON

Few of the respondents to The CJN's informal poll in Hamilton liked the deal, yet most will vote Yes, with some reluctance.

Businessman **Marvin Caplan,** in his early 50s, started out by being "100 percent Yes," but the more he has thought about it, the less he likes the accord.

He said he will vote Yes to keep Quebec in Canada, but the government "is doing a very wrong thing" by "trying to sell the accord through fear."

Albert State, a retired supervisor for the board of education, is not taking any chances.

"To my mind, a Yes vote is very important because Canada must stay together," he said. "I can't envisage a Canada without Quebec. That is the price we have to pay."

Sandra Fuss, a mother of four grown children, is worried about the future and the prospects for her children. Though she said her conscience is telling her to vote No, she'll vote for "whatever is most beneficial. But there is so much that's still up for discussion [that] I'm not sure just what we're voting on."

Lorraine Cohen, a mother of two small girls, thinks she's "probably going to end up voting Yes.

"The agreement is better than no agreement and as a democratic society, we can always work towards the changes that make it the best for everyone," she said.

Marty Strub, 28 and a father of two, said he is likely to vote Yes, "like everyone else." But he's unhappy about the whole deal and is worried about the economy. Though he likes the idea of "a senate that can work," he fears that the new senate is going to be just as ineffective as the present one.

In his view, "the whole deal was done much too quickly and we're being forced to vote Yes."

Carl Loewith, named young Canadian farmer of the year, is still undecided. "There are some disturbing things that are going to happen and I'm afraid some people are going to use it as an anti-Mulroney vote as opposed to looking at the issues involved."

Chartered accountant **Sam Taylor,** 70-ish, is outspoken in his critique of the accord. "It's a lousy deal," he said. "Period."

Over lunch at the Westdale Deli with wife **Anna** and **Sol and Sylvia Jacobs,** their discussion became lively.

Declares **Sol Jacobs,** a 70-year-old pharmacist, "I'll hold my nose while I vote and I'll vote Yes."

For Taylor, "it's a poorly conceived deal but it's a compromise and by saying Yes, we're saying, 'let's get on with the business of running the country.' "

Jacobs believes that despite the agreement in Charlottetown, "nothing has been cast in stone yet. It's still open to all kinds of amendments.

"God knows where it's finally going to end. Basically, we're voting for a process of some sort and I'm all for voting Yes for the process so that we'll get on with regular business."

But as Jews, Jacobs said, "I think we should probably be for a much stronger central government. This government will tend to decentralize, with more power going to the provinces. . . As Jews, we're much better off under a strong, central government."

TORONTO

Of 10 people polled informally in Toronto, eight said they would vote yes, one was undecided and the 10th was dead set against the deal.

Joe Feldman, a 62-year-old general contractor, said he will probably vote Yes, "but I still don't understand what we're voting for. I think a No vote will scare other countries and create economic problems."

Economic uncertainty often leads to uncertain political situations in which Jews can be targetted, he said.

Joe Feldman

Harold Zeldin, 65, said that despite not agreeing with all aspects of the accord, "I feel it's necessary they get a positive result for the good of the country."

Harold Zeldin

Zeldin, a retired construction manager, is concerned that a No vote could lead to disintegration of the country. And even though he's voting Yes, he isn't convinced a Yes vote will end constitutional difficulties. Interest groups and some provinces will keep constitutional arguments alive, he suggested.

Cindy Krebs, a 26-year-old veterinarian, believes that without a Yes vote, the country will break apart. A No vote will "show a lack of confidence to the rest of the world in our own country and I think it will have an economic impact on us."

Krebs says constitutional fatigue is only a minor element in her decision. The Charlottetown accord represents the last good chance for a deal. The package "is maybe not the best, but it's as good as we're going to get."

Genia Fromm, a 35-year-old artist, said she's going to vote Yes to keep Quebec in Canada. Separation would only lead to even more divisiveness among other provinces and native groups, who will all want their own territories, she said.

With a recession on, this is not the time for a No vote, she added.

Morris Henchowicz will vote Yes, since "the country could fall apart" if the accords are rejected.

Teacher **Ron Fein,** 50, is planning to vote Yes, since "this is the first time in Canadian history when the leaders of all parties are in favor of an issue. . . I feel it's very important that we keep Canada together. It's extremely important to the Canadian dollar and in how other nations will ultimately view Canada."

Louis Roy said he will vote Yes to show Quebec that it is supported by the rest of the country.

Hannah Simhoni, a 70-ish grandmother, said she is "fed up" with the constitutional debates. She said she will vote yes, although "I don't know [whether a Yes or a No vote] would be better for our grandchildren."

Lil Eizner, also 70-ish, said she hadn't made up her mind, though she too was "fed up" with the issue and believed too much time and money had been wasted on it.

The most critical appraisal of the constitutional accord was offered by **Lloyd Lindsay,** 51. "Representation by population means just that," the chartered accountant said. "Not a watered down version where 25 percent of representation is automatically granted to one province. That will lead to abuse."

Enshrining provisions recognizing Quebec as a distinct society will erode freedom of speech, he argued. "To the best of my knowledge, no other country has a language police," he said.

Lindsay said he opposes the Charlottetown pact because it "ignores the rights of the individual and caters to the rights of self-interest groups and it dilutes the power of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

OTTAWA

Fern Goldman, a 42-year-old social worker, said she hasn't seen enough information about the issues, but, based on what she's read, she is concerned that the country may fragment as a result of the vote.

"I don't fear Quebec separating as much as I now fear British Columbia and Alberta getting hot about the whole thing. I have this image of Canada consisting of something like Ontario to Saskatchewan. I am worried about the alienation of the West and the alienation of aboriginal people.

"Sometimes I think I may vote Yes because it's a way to the beginning of more process."

Thirty-eight-year-old **Michael Davidson,** a systems analyst, is unclear about his vote. "I haven't seen a good, objective summary of what they're proposing, what are the implications for and against, what is possible with the senate, what's not, what's the effect of the Canada clause.

"It's kind of an odd thing to vote for. Suppose I like the senate [proposals] but I want more in there about women or the environment. What do I do? Do I vote against it?"

Miriam Sandberg is also unsure about her vote. "I waver between this and that," the 40-year-old accountant said. "There is a temptation in me to vote No, but I guess I won't.

"The truth is, we don't know what the accord is all about. And I really want to see more. "

Helen Rauch, 46, is unhappy with the predictions of dire consequences resulting from the vote. "There's a lot of feeling of threat if we go either way," she said. "I want information, spelled out to me, what the format of this new constitution is, in layman's terms. I want to know what changes there will be in our government and what new events will happen over the very many decades to follow."

Helen Rauch

MONTREAL

Referendum naysayers were hard to come by in an informal poll in a mall. Most who promised to vote Yes said it was more from severe constitutional fatigue than from having scrutinized the details of the Charlottetown accord.

Blanche Perl, 60, said she was simply "sick and tired" of living through constitutional crises every four years.

"Yes," echoed 63-year-old **Seymour Goldbloom,** who described himself as self-employed. "Just to get the damn thing over with. Anyone who says they have to read the legal text [to make an informed vote] is full of hot air!"

Shoshana Moncarz, 40, has children who, unlike herself, are fluent in French. Moncarz has read the details of the accord and "I'm definitely going to vote Yes," she promised.

A No vote, she said, will help push the province towards separation and she hopes her vote "will help keep Canada together."

Michael Maler, 46, came to Canada 25 years ago and with his wife, **Magda,** runs a jewelry shop in a mall. Both will vote in favor of the deal, but Magda's Yes is a bit more ambivalent than her husband's.

The proposed accord is "too vague," Magda argued, "so I don't like the Yes or No." But she will vote Yes because "voting No helps the separatists."

Michael's reason is matter-of-fact: "Because I don't want a Quebec passport," he said.

Cote St. Luc native **Larry Weiser,** 27, runs his own store in the same mall. Part of his reason for voting Yes is to improve Quebec's business climate.

"I don't want Quebec to separate," he said. "It's time to stop fighting and to look forward, to look to the future.

"The economy would definitely be better without all this fighting."

ATLANTIC CANADA

A straw poll of Jewish Atlantic Canadians indicated that a Yes vote would mean the country could get back to work and back to life as it should be.

"It may not be the perfect deal, but it is the best we can get," said **Ed Gerber,** a Dartmouth, N.S. banker. "Let's just pass it and get on with our lives."

Gerber said the referendum decision "won't ever put an end to the unrest in Quebec but let's put it to bed and hope each generation can deal with it in its own time."

Sharryn Ross, a 25-year-old resident of Halifax who moved there from her hometown of Montreal, said she wants Quebec to stay within Canada.

"Even 30 years ago, the English and French didn't get along," she said. "I think Quebec has absolutely been given too much."

Elliot Fineberg, a retired businessman whose lifelong home has been Halifax, said the entire issue is a "pain in the butt."

He said he will vote Yes but if the vote is in favor of the nays "and Quebec wants to leave, good riddance. Quebec will never be happy anyway."

Nancy Cieplinski of Halifax admitted she was confused with the issues and "it gets more and more complicated the more I hear. But I want to see the country remain strong. My vision of Canada includes Quebec.

Marriette Laing wants the anguish over the constitution put aside. "Let's vote Yes, keep Canada together and get on with government."

Getting it over with is also what Halifax optometrist **Irwin Mendleson** wants. He says he'll vote Yes.

"The world won't look favorably on Canada for investment opportunity if the No vote wins," he said.

Mindy Jacobson, a former Montrealer who moved to Halifax 30 years ago, feels the constitution hasn't been defined well enough. "They're throwing politicalese at us," she said. "We haven't been told the true picture."

She is concerned that Quebec is telling the rest of Canada to do it Quebec's way or not at all.

Leon Zelikovitz, who was born in Sydney, describes himself as a "very optimistic Canadian. I have a gut feeling there will be a Yes vote."

Because of economic conditions, Canadians don't have much choice but to vote Yes, the Halifax businessman said. "Until the constitutional battle is solved, Canada will suffer economically." But a Yes vote won't solve the problem, he added. It will just move everyone back to the bargaining table.

Brian Nathanson, a Sydney emigrant to the Halifax area, wants to get on with business.

"I'll vote Yes just to get it over with. I'll bet less than 10 percent of the people really care about it," he said.

Based on reports from Maurice Lucow in British Columbia, Judy Shapiro in Alberta, Myron Love in Winnipeg, Moura Wolpert in Hamilton, Paul Lungen in Toronto, Miriam Sobel in Ottawa, David Lazarus in Montreal and Joel Jacobson in Atlantic Canada.

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Holocaust monument marks destroyed Jewish communties

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

For 10 years, architects, historians and builders have toiled to create a Holocaust monument that would both commemorate the dead and educate the living.

Last week, the Yad Vashem memorial and museum inaugurated the result of their labor: the Valley of the Destroyed Communities.

Situated in a rocky wooded area on Yad Vashem's Mount of Remembrance, the huge monument commemorates the Jewish communities of Europe and North Africa destroyed or damaged by the Nazis.

"Some 20,000 Jewish communities in Europe alone were destroyed alongside the six million," explained Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem.

"This valley will commemorate all the communities in which at least 100 Jews celebrated Jewish life, religion and culture. The valley symbolizes a lost world that has been buried forever, leaving only ruins in place of their greatness," he said.

Built out of giant blocks of Jerusalem stone 20 feet tall, the four-acre site is overwhelming in its size and scope, yet somehow familiar.

Viewed from above, the monument resembles the map of pre-World War II Europe. On ground level, the towering walls form a series of courtyards, one for each country in which Jews were persecuted.

Just a few steps into the labyrinthine structure, the visitor is drawn into a stark world of stone and rock, with just a touch of greenery 20 feet above. The eye is immediately drawn to the walls, etched in Hebrew and English with the names of 5,000 devastated communities.

Every wall bears the name of the largest Jewish community in that region, with smaller communities written on the side.

In the courtyard designated for Greece, for example, the left side of the wall bears the name Thessaloniki (Salonika), once the largest Jewish community in that country. Athens, which had a smaller Jewish population, is listed on the right, along with other Greek towns and villages whose Jews perished.

About 90 percent of Greece's Jews died during the Holocaust.

Designed by architects Lipa Yahalom and Dan Tsur, "the valley will hopefully remind people that a whole world was lost during the Holocaust," said Billie Laniado, head of public relations at Yad Vashem.

Arab workers take a break for a snack as others (top) continue construction on the Valley of the Destroyed Communities monument at the Yad Vashem Holocaust. [R.N.S. photo/Reuters]

"These communities were alive with activity and purpose. There were synagogues, Jewish schools, burial societies. A way of life was destroyed forever."

Though it will not be open to the public until mid-November, the valley has already witnessed a handful of memorial ceremonies.

"We have allowed some Holocaust survivors and landsmanschaften (fraternal organizations from given communities) to gather here for ceremonies," said Laniado.

"In the past they would gather in a room in Tel Aviv. Here, among the names and the stones, they feel a deeper connection to the community."

Yad Vashem hopes that the monument, which cost $12 million in funds raised privately, will draw younger people as well. An educational centre, due to open next spring, will provide information about each community commemorated in the valley. Every Israeli schoolchild visits Yad Vashem at one time or another.

Whatever the age of the visitor, the valley will leave few people unmoved.

"Some people have likened the valley's appearance to the Wailing Wall," said Laniado, "and I think that is fitting, because the Wall is also a symbol of something that was destroyed."

Like the Wall, the stark valley, devoid of all color, evokes a sense of loss. But here and there, a hopeful green leaf pushes through the cracks.

Masorti against Shabbat driving

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

In a departure from the longstanding policy of Conservative Judaism, the rabbis of Israel's affiliated Masorti movement have issued a religious ruling prohibiting travel to synagogue by car on Shabbat.

The decision by the Halacha (Jewish Law) Committee of Israel's Rabbinical Assembly means that members of Masorti synagogues, as the Conservative movement is known here, are prohibited from doing something that Conservative Jews everywhere else are permitted to do.

Until the Halacha Committee's decision was published Oct. 5, the entire Conservative movement was governed by a 1950 ruling of the New York-based Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, which stated that automobile travel is allowed if the distance between home and synagogue is too far to walk.

The 1950 ruling permits driving only to and from synagogue, without stopping for any other purpose.

The Israeli Halacha Committee, in its ruling, stated that many people have come to mistakenly believe that driving on Shabbat is permitted for any purpose.

"In the State of Israel, no one works on the Sabbath. Every Israeli can open a siddur (prayerbook) and pray, and there is sure to be a synagogue in his locality," stated the Israeli decision.

The question of whether rulings made by the New York-based law committee are binding on Israel's Conservative Jews, or whether the Masorti movement is free to come to its own conclusions has yet to be worked out, according to Rabbi Kassel Abelson, chairman of the New York committee.

"The Conservative movement's law committee has no policy on it," he said in New York. "It has come up as an issue in principle but not in fact before."

The nature of the relationship is "being talked through now, and with this psak (halachic ruling) will have to be discussed even further," he said.

But he made clear that "the impact of the Masorti movement's psak is limited to the Masorti Jews of Israel."

According to the ruling, driving is prohibited on Shabbat because igniting a fire, as when an engine is turned on, is a transgression specified in the Torah itself.

And in case the car breaks down en route, the driver is likely to try to fix it and breach other prohibitions.

In addition, according to the ruling, Talmudic sources say that leaving one's own city is forbidden on Shabbat. And the car's driver would be compelled to take along a wallet and money, which is prohibited under Jewish law, as is buying anything, including gasoline.

The ruling also states that permission to drive to synagogue is likely to be interpreted by Masorti Jews as permission to drive anywhere on Shabbat, and that driving can create stress and tension, which are not conducive to the Sabbath spirit.

Praying in synagogue after driving there, the ruling concludes, is a mitzvah that comes from a transgression.

The rabbinic decree was issued in response to a question submitted by a Masorti family in Petach Tikvah. They asked if they could drive since there is no Masorti synagogue in their area and they feel uncomfortable in the local Orthodox synagogues.

Golan holds future for Jews and Syrians

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fruit firsthand. He had been sent by his kibbutz to learn about apple and other orchards. He came back obsessed with blueberries.

It seemed like the answer to a tough dilemma facing Golan farmers. Amidst the rocky terrain of the Golan Heights lie a few thousand acres of topnotch arable farmland. But to date, with the exception of apples, none of the crops grown there have proven profitable.

Even apples are limited to the domestic market, one which is already saturated. As a result, some two thirds of the arable farmland in the region is not exploited — and this, at a time when many kibbutzim and moshavim are teetering on the edge of bankruptcy.

Ami realized that blueberries could provide a unique fruit for the Israeli market, and, more importantly, a lucrative export to Europeans, who rely heavily on American-imported berries. The Golan's cool climate would be ideal for this enterprise, he figured. The region's black basalt slopes would also give it another unbeatable advantage: this is the only part of the country where the soil has no limestone, a mineral that is deadly for blueberries.

On the other hand, blueberries require earth that is much more acidic than any soil found in Israel, including that of the Golan. "According to all the textboks, growing blueberries on soil like this is impossible," admits Ami, who nonetheless refused to be deterred. With the help of experts at the Volcani Centre of Agricultural Research, the first blueberry plots on the Golan Heights were planted in 1983. Most of the crops died.

But Ami kept at it year after year, fiddling with his formula of special nutrients, acidic fertilizer and intensive irrigation, until at last he hit upon the right combination. "Today the blueberries don't know that they shouldn't be growing here," he grins.

Ami and his colleagues hope to exploit the topographical and climatic variation of the Golan — which ranges from the subtropical climate at the foot of the Sea of Galilee to the cold mountain air of the region's 1,300-metre high peaks — to produce the earliest and latest blueberries on the world market. The off-season advantage will virtually ensure that Golan blueberries become a lucrative export.

After the crop's successful debut in Europe this fall, and in the wake of keen interest from international berry marketers in the United States, the farmers will gradually expand production to commercial levels. "Until now we have been growing just enough blueberries to satisfy my wife's appetite," quips Ami, who is one of five blueberry farmers in the Golan. He estimates that another 300 farmers could make their living from blueberries.

"The potential for the region is enormous. For every acre of farmland that is cultivated at that kibbutz," he says, pointing to Merom Golan, "there are two acres that lie idle. This is true for most settlements in the region. All of this land could be cultivated with blueberries — some 2,500 acres. The kibbutzim and moshavim would solve their financial woes. Many new families could come live in the Golan. The whole region would flourish."

Ami's face, exuding near-boyish enthusiasm, clouds over at the mention of "the current situation." Asked what will happen now, he shakes his head and sighs. "In the end, I think this land will be given back to Syria.

"It could have been different, you know. If we'd managed to settle half a million people here, instead of 12,000, then no one, not even the Syrians, would think about asking for the Golan. No more than they would consider asking for the Chula Valley. And in my view, there is no difference between the two," he adds.

"Where we're standing is only one part of the Golan. Across the border, there is the same terrain, the same climate. Blueberries could be grown from here," he says pointing eastward past the abandoned Syrian barracks, "all the way to the other side."

It's a sweeping gesture that conjures up a great blue expanse stretching as far as the horizon and beyond. "Just imagine the possibilities," he says, "if . . ." and his voice trails off.

"The Golan Heights is as integral a part of Israel as is the Chula Valley. There's no intifada here. We're not ruling over another people as we are in the West Bank and Gaza. There is no more reason for us to leave the Golan than there is for us to give up the Chula Valley.

Couldn't the refusal to withdraw from the Golan Heights lead to yet another war with Syria? "I don't know," says Ami. "Maybe the return of the Golan Heights will lead to another war with Syria. Maybe they'll interpret it as fear and weakness on our part — which is what it really is. People are afraid — and perhaps for good reason — of the Syrians. All the time we hear about the Syrians stockpiling chemical weapons, buying more advanced Scud missiles. They know this is our soft spot: the nightmare of Tel Aviv being hit by chemical weapons — so they play it up.

"Supply and demand determine the price of a commodity. We're willing to pay anything for peace — and Assad knows it. So he's decided on the price: all of the Golan."

At the edge of one of the fields, where Ami stops to collect blueberries, stands a large, protruding structure. It is a nearly-completed Syrian army barracks whose construction was halted abruptly in 1967.

"If they really wanted peace with us, a true peace, there are so many things we could do together," continues Ami, scooping up some ripe berries. "We could share our method of growing blueberries — it took us years to figure it out — and we could even market them together. The Syrian economy could use a boost too.

Women set up 'peace tent'

MOSHAV ELI AL (JTA) —

Over the years, thousands of Israeli soldiers have pitched their tents on the barren hills of the Golan Heights, ready to deflect an attack by Syria.

Now a group of Jewish women from the area have set up a "peace tent" to demonstrate their desire for peaceful relations with their Arab neighbors.

Overlooking the Syrian village of Ibanid, the tent was the brainchild of the Women's Forum, a non-partisan group comprised of local residents, both religious and secular.

Two weeks ago, 75 women and their children gathered at Moshav Eli Al, near the Syrian border, to pitch the tent. One of the participants, megaphone in hand, addressed the crowd in Hebrew and Arabic, as brightly colored balloons and a flock of doves were sent over the border.

Since then, the women have been posted at the tent on a rotating basis.

The decision to erect the tent, was "a spontaneous action by the women of the Golan," said Debbie Atoun, who helped organize the event. "We are trying to show people everywhere that the Golan is part of Israel, and that our presence is not an obstacle to peace."

Atoun called the tent "an attempt to extend the hand of friendship" toward their counterparts on the other side of the border.

"We are calling on women in Syria to make similar efforts in an attempt to help create an understanding between both sides," she said.

"We would like to meet them and see if there is a willingness for peace."

But the doves, Atoun noted wryly, "refused to fly over the border."

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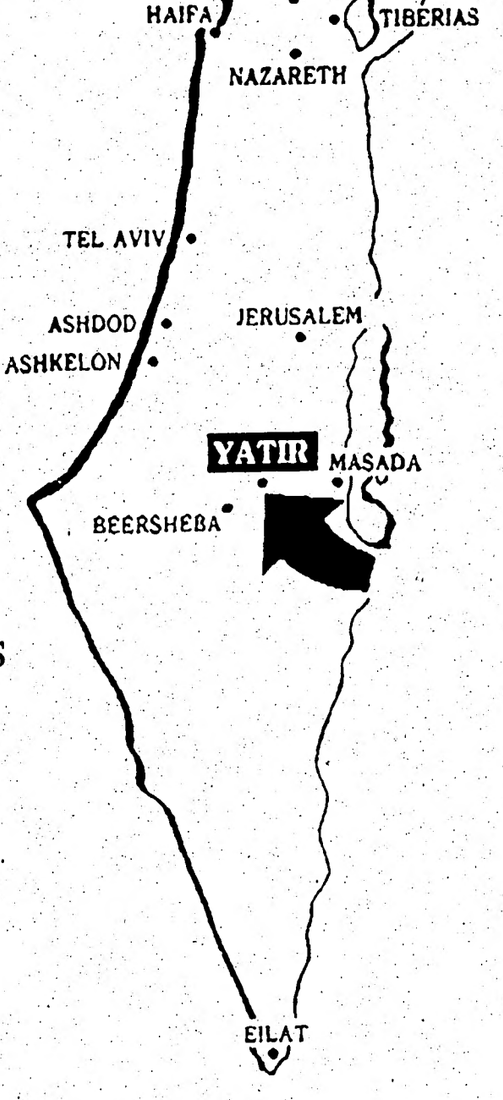

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The News in Brief

B'nai Brith Says Yes

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada has come out in support of a Yes vote in the Oct. 26 constitutional referendum.

While BBC says are there are "difficulties" with the Charlottetown accord, it nevertheless endorses the agreement, saying Canada would be "best served" by approving the deal.

BBC president Gabe Nachman and executive vice-president Frank Dimant sent letters last week to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Liberal leader Jean Chretien and NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin, announcing that B'nai Brith would support the package.

The organization says the deal contain numerous provisions that would enhance life for all Canadians.

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U.S. to apply pressure

NEW YORK — The United States is launching "a new initiative" to urge Arab states to end their economic boycott of Israel, acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger has told the American Jewish leadership.

The boycott, he said, is "inconsistent with the spirit of the Middle East peace talks and recent policy changes by Israel, which should be reciprocated" by the Arabs.

The policy changes he cited included the cancellation of the construction of more than 7,000 housing units in the territories.

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Circumcision by laser

BEERSHEBA — A 14-year-old immigrant from Moscow underwent what doctors at a Beersheba hospital claim is the first circumcision by surgical laser recently.

Alexander Volk, 14, who suffers from a blood disorder that prevents his blood from clotting, insisted on having a circumcision.

Doctors and Jewish legal authorities agreed on the unusual operation which took only 45 minutes to complete. The boy ws sent home after 24 hours.

Volk said the procedure was painless.

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Apology for desecration

BONN — German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel has apologised to Israel's ambassador here for the desecration of a Jewish cemetery in the southern city of Karlsruhe, as acts of vandalism were reported at other Jewish burial sites in Germany.

Kinkel, a native of Karlsruhe, said in a letter to Ambassador Benjamin Navon that the attack caused him shame as a resident of the town and as a German official.

A geriatric nurse, 24, and a 21-year-old unemployed man were arrested and confessed to daubing 15 gravestones with Nazi slogans and overturning two more gravestones on the eve of Yom Kippur, Karlsruhe police said.

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Le Pen sues Jewish leader

PARIS — Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the French extreme right-wing National Front, has filed a libel suit against a Jewish leader for tying him to racial violence.

His suit against Jean Kahn, president of CRIF, the umbrella structure of the Jewish organizations in France, arose from remarks Kahn made to the influential French daily *Le Monde*.

In his comments on recent racial and anti-Semitic acts in Europe, Kahn said, "One cannot but link the desecration of the Jewish cemetery of Herrlisheim to the racist events of Rostock in Germany."

He said that Le Pen's declarations "are also an incitation to racial hatred."

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Sale of Nazi books booms

ROME — The Italian capital is experiencing boom in sales of books dealing with Nazism, according to a report in a leading Rome newspaper.

Best-sellers include Adolf Hitler's autobiography, *Mein Kampf*, and *Fatherland*, a recently published novel imagining a world in which the Nazis won World War II.

Many of the people buying these books are skinheads, *Il Messaggero* reports.

There has been an increased demand for such books, according to a saleperson quoted in the newspaper. The greatest demand has been for "Mein Kampf."

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Journalist Rosenfeld dies

JERUSALEM — Alvin Rosenfeld, a former NBC bureau chief in Jerusalem who covered nearly all Israel's wars since the birth of the Jewish state, died in Washington on Oct. 10 of cancer. He was 73.

Rosenfeld was a familiar and respected figure in the small community of veteran correspondents who covered Israel and the Middle East in the early days of the Jewish state.

A native of St. Louis and grandson of the late St. Louis Chief Rabbi Zachariah Rosenfeld, he wrote about the war of Independence in 1948 for the *New York Post*.

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Jews seek asylum in Germany

BONN — Some 100,000 Jews from the republics of the former Soviet Union have applied for German asylum in the past two years and between 7,000 and 10,0000 have already arrived here, according to an Interior Ministry official.

Bundnis 90, a left-wing group of former East German dissidents demanded free entry for any Jew who wishes to immigrate to Germany.

Lintner reported that between 7,000 and 10,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have already arrived in Germany within the past two years and 23,000 have received positive responses to their visa applications.

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Israel offers Egypt aid

JERUSALEM — Israel has offered Egypt assistance in the wake of an earthquake in Cairo that left over 400 dead and thousands more camped along the highway in fear of further tremors.

The offer of "any assistance which the Egyptian government deems necessary" was conveyed publicly by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in a message of sympathy to the Egyptian people, and through diplomatic channels in Cairo and Tel Aviv.

Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Dubek said that the Egyptian authorities responded "with warm thanks" to Israel's offer, but he doubted they would take it up.

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JTA cartoonist dies

LOS ANGELES — Noah Bee, 76, longtime cartoonist for the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* and designer of the Jewish National Fund blue boxes and Israel's first currency, died recently in Bethesda, Md., after a bout with cancer.

Bee lived in Encino, Calif. He had an intimate involvement with the Zionist movement and the Jewish state from his youthful days as a member of the Betar movement in Poland, as a citizen of Palestine and as an artist whose work was inextricably tied to the state of Israel.

Bee chronicled Jewish history during some of its most tempestious decades. In an interview earlier this year with JTA, he estimated he had created some 2,000 cartoons.

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Court won't hear Pollard case

WASHINGTON An attorney for Jonathan Jay Pollard urged President George Bush last week to commute his client's life imprisonment sentence following a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear an appeal of the convicted spy's sentence.

The nation's highest court, without comment, said it would not review a ruling handed down in March by the U.S. Court of Appeals here, which rejected Pollard's claim that the government had violated the terms of a 1986 agreement, in which he pleaded guilty to spying for Israel in exchange for a reduced sentence.

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Nazi scientist remains barred

OTTAWA — The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to grant former Nazi rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph leave to appeal a lower court decision barring him from Canada.

"This is as it should be," said Ian Kagedan, a spokesman for B'nai Brith Canada. "He and his ilk should know they are unwelcome in Canada."

Rudolph was ordered removed from Canada by an immigration adjudicator who found he had participated in war crimes and crimes against humanity when he served as project manager of the Nazis' V-2 rocket program.

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ScotiaMcLeod retains client

TORONTO — Beth Tzedec Congregation has reversed an earlier decision and will retain its business relationship with the ScotiaMcLeod investment firm, the synagogue announced last week.

The decision is conditional on the company acting to improve its working environment in the wake of anti-Semitic incidents in the firm's New York branch, the synagogue stated in a news release.

ScotiaMcLeod CEO Austin Taylor told the synagogue that the company had implemented a human rights policy and demoted those responsible for making the anti-Semitic remarks, the synagogue stated.

Front Line

The Canada Clause

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By ERIC MALDOFF

On Oct. 26, each of us will be called upon to make an important decision: Yes or No to the Charlottetown accord. The decision will have consequences. We owe it to ourselves, our children and each other to make a reasoned decision. The Canada clause has been the subject of unfair criticism and excessive rhetoric. The Canada clause should be understood for what it is.

The Canada clause is an expression of our commitment to Canadian identity. It sets out eight characteristics, which when taken together, distinguish us in the community of nations.

These characteristics are: democracy, a parliamentary and federal system of government, and the rule of law; the aboriginal peoples; Quebec's distinct society; linguistic duality; multiculturalism; human rights; gender equality; and the equal status of the provinces while acknowledging their diverse characteristics.

The question for every Canadian is: Do I agree that these features substantially reflect the Canada that I know and want?

In essence the Canada clause embodies the basic Canadian concept, namely the will to build a united country, coupled with a profound attachment to our diversity. It reflects the best of Canada; our generosity of spirit and capacity to accommodate each other.

Ever since the entrenchment of the Charter of Rights in 1982, the courts have had to balance the rights of the individual against the interests of society. According to Section 1 of the Charter, all rights are subject to ". . . such reasonable limits . . . as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society." The Canada clause is an interpretive clause which indicates that in balancing rights and interests, the courts should ensure that *all* of Canada's fundamental characteristics are to be taken into account and not to be undermined.

The Canada clause is a guide to interpretation of the Constitution. It is not a substantive provision. It neither creates nor takes away rights. The Canada clause does not rank rights or Canadian characteristics. Each characteristic stands on the same footing and is to be taken into account. Each is to be balanced against all of the others. As an interpretive clause it does not create a hierarchy of rights.

Critics argue that the Canada clause will give Quebec the ability to infringe Charter rights in circumstances in which it would otherwise be required to involve the "notwithstanding clause." They base this on the recognition of Quebec as a distinct society, coupled with affirmation of the role of the government and legislature of Quebec to preserve and promote the distinct society. They also suggest that the distinct society would take priority over the commitment of Canadians and their governments to linguistic duality, which in turn would prevail over the commitment of Canadians to human rights, multiculturalism and gender equality.

These arguments are not supported by a careful consideration of the Canada clause and the Supreme Court decisions relating to the Charter. These arguments fail to consider the following:

1. Subsection 2(2) of the Canada Clause states that: "The role of the legislature and Government of Quebec to preserve and promote the distinct society of Quebec is *affirmed.*"

The operative word is "affirmed." In legal terms this means an acknowledgement of a role which has always existed. If a new role or powers were intended, the text would have stated that ". . . the government and legislature of Quebec shall have the *role* [or the power]." The "affirmation" creates no new powers or role for the legislature or Government of Quebec. This is reinforced by subsection 2(3) of the Canada clause which establishes clearly that the Canada clause does not change the "powers, rights or privileges" of any government or legislature including those "in relation to language."

2. The affirmation of the role of the government and legislature of Quebec regarding the distinct society is in a separate subsection which is not expressed as an interpretive clause. In law, it confirms an historic role that has always existed and bars the courts from eliminating that role through their judgments.

3. The affirmation of the role of the government and legislature of Quebec being in a separate subsection, it must also be interpreted in a manner consistent with characteristics listed in subsection 2(1) of the Canada clause, including commitments to linguistic duality, multiculturalism, gender equality, human rights, etc.

4. The message that the distinct society is not to trample rights is reinforced by the terms used in the interpretive provision. The distinct society is described factually, i.e. "Quebec constitutes within Canada a distinct society . . ." The Constitution is to be interpreted in a manner consistent with this obvious fact. On the other hand, the Cana-

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By LORRAINE E. WEINRIB

The endorsement of the Charlottetown accord by the Canadian Jewish Congress represents a disturbing shift in its policy towards individual rights.

In 1982, the Canadian Jewish Congress made a significant contribution to the Canadian Constitution. It supported adoption of the Charter for its inherent value, as a unifying network of shared values for all Canadians, and as a fulfilment of Canada's international obligations. It also secured changes to the Charter's text that made rights protection stronger and the limitation clause both narrower and more principled.

In 1992, the Canadian Jewish Congress has come out in support of the Charlottetown accord, which includes proposals that will affect Charter interpretation.

The current position amounts to a shift away from the constitutional primacy of individual rights.

The Charlottetown accord's "Canada clause" sets down eight "fundamental characteristics" of Canada and states that the Charter *"shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with" these characteristics.* This clause will tilt the Charter in favor of "collective rights." To the extent that these "collective rights" lie in the hands of institutions that wield political power, there is the real potential that individual rights will be hostage to majority power.

The Canada clause gives highest priority to the new aboriginal self-governments and to Quebec's distinct society. The "collective rights" of these communities, when translated into law and government policies, will have precedence over the other values set down in the Canada clause as well as those omitted. Laws forwarding language, culture and tradition will be so privileged. Omitted altogether are assurances against discrimination based on age, or physical or mental disability.

Take an example: let us suppose Quebec enacts a law providing free daycare, with exclusive emphasis on cultural values rooted in Quebec's traditions, in French only. Let us suppose that the law was read as infringing the Charter's equality rights (e.g., because it reduced unemployment opportunities for women who preferred to expose their children, in early years, to their own language and cultural traditions) or the right to freedom of expression in respect to language choice. After finding infringement, the judge would consider whether the infringement was "justified in a free and democratic society," an analysis that seeks an appropriate balance between rights guarantees and government priorities.

The Canada clause, which will constrain Charter interpretation, "affirm[s]" the "role of the legislature and Government of Quebec to preserve and promote the distinct society of Quebec," defined to include "a French-speaking majority" and a "unique culture." This clause would take precedence over "commitment" (in French, the reduced idea of "attachment") of "Canadians *and* their governments" to "the vitality and development of official language minority communities," which then takes precedence over the commitment of "Canadians," to "racial and ethnic equality" and "the equality of female and male persons."

It seems to me that a judge would have to find this law a justified limit on Charter rights under the Canada clause. The law would thus be upheld as constitutionally valid. (And there would be no need to invoke the politically costly notwithstanding clause.)

If all this sounds distasteful, it should. The proposed amendments sweep aside the idea that every person stands equal before government. The Jewish community is, in my view, ill advised to sacrifice such a basic component of the rule of law, now entrenched in our constitutional text, in return for the dubious promise of constitutional peace in our time.

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The Text: Unity and Diversity

A. People and communities

1. Canada Clause

A new clause should be included as Section 2 of the Constitution Act, 1867 that would express fundamental Canadian values. The Canada Clause would guide the courts in their future interpretation of the entire Constitution, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Constitution Act, 1867 is amended by adding thereto, immediately after Section 1 thereof, the following section:

"2. (1) The Constitution of Canada, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, shall be interpreted in a manner with the following fundamental characteristics:

a) Canada is a democracy committed to a parliamentary and federal system of government and to the rule of law;

b) the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, being the first peoples to govern this land, have the right to promote their language, culture and traditions and to ensure the integrity of their societies, and their governments constitute one of three orders of government in Canada;

c) Quebec constitutes within Canada a distinct society, which includes a French-speaking majority, a unique culture and a civil law tradition;

d) Canadians and their governments are committed to the vitality and developments of official language minority communities throughout Canada;

e) Canadians are committed to racial and ethnic equality in a society that includes citizens from many lands who have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the building of a strong Canada that reflects its cultural and racial diversity;

f) Canadians are committed to a respect for individual and collective human rights and freedoms of all people;

g) Canadians are committed to the equality of female and male persons; and,

h) Canadians confirm the principle of the equality of the provinces at the same time as recognizing their characteristics.

(2) The role of the legislature and Government of Quebec to preserve and promote the distinct society of Quebec is affirmed.

(3) Nothing in this section derogates from the powers, rights or privileges of the Parliament or the Government of Canada, or of the legislature or governments of the provinces, or of the legislative bodies or governments of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, including any powers, rights of privileges relating to language and, for greater certainty, nothing in this section derogates from the aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada."

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Oui au Canada

La décision à laquelle les Canadiens feront face la semaine prochaine constitue un delicat exercise politique que la plupart d'entre nous ait jamais pratiqué.

A travers des textes et des interpretations il y'a une question fondamentale à laquelle nous devons répondre: la situation des Canadiens sera-t-elle meilleure si l'accord de Charlottetown est approuvé? Nous devons répondre en tant que Canadiens; en tant que Juifs canadiens, nous évaluerons cet accord, bien sûr, par rapport à notre expérience au sein du Canada.

Nous croyons que la réponse est Oui.

L'accord ne ressemble à aucun modèle constitutionnel connu. Mais le Canada est un pays unique. Son histoire est celle de deux nations européennes qui, successivement, ont imposé leur culture à celles des autochtones qui existaient déjà; et qui ont accepté — et continuent d'accepter — des vagues d'immigration provenant de tous les coins du monde. Nous avons connu plusieurs concepts de nation: celui d'Etat-nation, forgé durant 300 ans de fidélité à une langue et à une culture distinctes; celui de la nation des immigrants, expansive, égalitaire et assimilationiste; et enfin, après des siècles de refoulement et d'exploitation, celle des premières nations, en quête d'une puissance qui leur permettra de retrouver leur sens d'être chez eux dans une terre qui, autrefois, n'appartenait qu'à eux seuls.

Le Canada est un pays unique au monde. Il s'agit un pays qui s'est formé en 1867 à la suite d'une entente unique entre les Canadiens français et anglais où nationalité et homogénéité ne sont pas synonymes; un pays qui au cours des 125 années suivantes a cherché à developper une structure qui, sous la protection de la loi constitutionnelle, pourra accommoder les aspirations, non seulement des Canadiens d'origine anglaise et française, mais aussi de tous ses groupes disparates. L'accord de Charlottetown, developpé à la suite de débats et de compromis, est l'extension logique de ce processus constitutionnel. C'est justement parce qu'il cherche à reconcilier des visions différentes de ce qui constitue notre nation qu'il ne satisfait pas ceux qui ne sont loyaux qu'à une seule vision de notre nation — soit celle de l'Etat-nation, soit celle d'une terre qui doit être regagnée par ses premiers habitants, soit celle d'une société du Nouveau Monde qui doit assimiler tous ses citoyens selon une identité nouvelle.

Ce que l'accord de Charlottetown accomplit, en fait, c'est de reconnaître que le Canada comprend toutes ces visions — et bien plus. Tout comme le pays lui-même, cet accord est un accomplissement remarquable. Si les Canadiens, dans toutes leurs diversités, disent Oui, nous disons que nous avons le courage de bâtir un pays dont le tout est plus grand que les parties. Un Non voudra dire que nous avons abandonné cette entreprise.

En tant que Juifs, nous avons connu la souffrance d'être déplacés; la force de la cohésion nationale; et la liberté et les bénéfices d'une société ouverte et égalitaire. A la lumière de cette expérience, nous pouvons reconnaître la justice de rendre aux autochtones le pouvoir de se gouverner qui leur a été enlevé. Nous pouvons comprendre le désir des Québécois de préserver leur culture et leur langue, tellement enracinées dans le sol canadien.

La situation de tous les Canadiens, sans aucun doute, sera meilleure dans un pays qui peut accommoder nos différences et leur permettre, non seulement de coexister, mais aussi de nous enrichir.

La critique la plus vigoreuse qu'a été lancée contre cet accord est, qu'en arrivant à ce compromis, le concept de l'égalité des individus est sérieusement remis en question. Si nous n'avions ni la Charte des Droits, ni les décisions ayant trait à ces droits rendues par la Cour Suprême, on pourrait avoir des raisons legitimes d'être craintifs.

La «clause Canada», le point de mise des inquiétudes que les droits collectifs puissent l'emporter sur les droits individuels, décrit des caractéristiques de notre pays qui existent déjà; elle ne crée pas de nouveaux droits — ou de caractéristiques nouvelles du Canada. Prétendre que notre cadre constitutionnel devrait être érigé sans références à ces caractéristiques fondamentales équivaut à dénier la réalité de notre pays.

Encore une fois, notre expérience en tant que Juifs a démontré qu'un système judiciaire permettant le débat et les avis contraires, mais fermement implanté dans la nature fondamentale de notre société, est un instrument remarquable pour maintenir la continuité ainsi que pour faire face au changement.

La situation de tous les Canadiens sera meilleure dans un cadre constitutionnel qui reconnaît notre volonté d'avoir un pays, ainsi que notre volonté de préserver notre diversité tout en retirant des bénéfices.

La choix entre Oui et Non est, en fait, un choix entre nous rejouir de ce que nous avons accompli et continuer à créer un nouveau genre de nation, ou de retomber dans des modalités demodées et un débat stérile.

La situation de tous les Canadiens sera meilleure si nous avons le courage de voter Oui.

BERLIN JEWS PROTEST

Berlin Jews and other protestors stand in front of the barrack in the former concentration camp at Sachsenhausen recently to protest against a possible fire attack that burned down big parts of the barrack early Sept. 26. Sign reads, "Germany has not only to be in mourning." About 200 people protested. [R.N.S. photo/Reuters]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THREE ACCORD MIRACLES

The long and tortuous road to the Charlottetown Accord and the immense amount of detail in it make it difficult to know exactly what one is voting for — and many feel, when in doubt, vote No.

I suggest that we vote on the positives that happened: three accomplishments — almost miracles — deserve a resounding vote Yes.

1. Seventeen responsible leaders of diverse interests — plus two federal opposition leaders — reached agreement: a first of such magnitude in Canadian history! How soon will such togetherness happen again? And how different would a future agreement of such diverse interests be?

2. Compromise is honorable, not dishonorable. All parties gained. Canada has been a compromise from Confederation and earlier. Did you ever buy a house, a car, negotiate a labor contract?

3. Working out agreement on individual points and clauses within a united family will be vastly different from outside the family. The knife will not be at the throat each day. Who knows? Even a mood of reasonableness may settle in across the country.

Monty Berger
Montreal, Que.

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THE BEST THERE IS

My wife and I are long-time emigrants to the very best land on earth, Canada, and this little story has been in my heart for many years.

In my observation we are going through life's journey. On one of our own journeys a few years ago, we happened to be in the beautiful city of Bayeux, France, and we had the opportunity to visit the world-famous Bayeux Tapestry. The tapestry shows French history and the confrontations centuries ago between the French and the English that lasted over a century.

I may not know a great deal about human nature, but I wonder: has history not taught us anything? We are living in this God-given land, in Quebec, within Canada, with all kinds of people in it. Can we not compromise?

You have only to read a newspaper to realize that you have the very best there is, just like parents, who lovingly look after their children, so must we look after our wonderful country to keep it whole and away from harm. You mustn't look for Utopia; your life isn't long enough to ever find it.

I hope I have covered my deep-rooted feeling on this subject; even though it is said that "Silence is golden," at times one must speak one's mind.

Alexander Jakab
Laval, Que.

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TWO GERMAN VIEWPOINTS

Ten days ago I returned from a short visit to Halle-an-der-Saale, a city of approximately 300,000 inhabitants, in what was East Germany. I came away with a feeling of reassurance and a determination to help the "bridge-building" between generations, as advocated by Halle's mayor, Dr. Rauen.

In contast , the Sept. 16 issue of Toronto's *Deutsche Presse*, which describes itself as The No. 1 newspaper of the German community in North America, contained an article by Erhard Mattheas, president of the Trans-Canada Alliance of German Canadians (TCA). Under the heading, Success for Freedom of Speech — Supreme Court decides for Freedom of Speech, Mr. Mattheas, like *The Globe and Mail* in earlier editorials, lauds the recent decision of our Supreme Court, striking down as unconstitutional the false news prohibition in the context of the Zundel case.

Perhaps Mr. Mattheas' pronouncements, in his capacity as president of the TCA no less, will give some of us food for thought — and the incentive for further vigilance.

After providing a fairly factual background to the Court's verdict and clearly indicating his approval, Mr. Mattheas goes on to say (my translation):

"Who are those from whom no improvement is to be expected? It is unequivocally the self-appointed fanatics, who claim to be speaking for their Jewish communities. Thus, immediately after the publication of the Supreme Court's verdict, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Canada's largest Jewish group, demanded that new charges [against Zundel] be laid under a different section [of the Criminal Code] and the League of Human Rights of B'nai Brith asked that Ontario's attorney-general institute new proceedings. . .

"These fanatics are not interested in rights and in the law. They are only interested in the dictatorship of their minority and absolutely opposed to the freedom of speech of the Canadian majority . . .

"To publish *truths* (my italics) without fear of persecution will now be easier . . .

"However, uniforms, helmets and shouts of 'Sieg Heil' do not help to spread the truth. They create antipathy and complicate the efforts (to disseminate) the truth, systematic argumentation, readers' letters of protest (etc.) . . ."

My reading of this is that, in the view of Mr. Mattheas, Zundel's rubbish is "truth" and that Nazi paraphernalia is only to be avoided because it causes antipathy.

Officially at least, Ernst Zundel only speaks for himself. Mr. Mattheas' article seems to have a wider support in his constituency. I hope I am wrong, because I still would like to build bridges.

Eugene Strauss
Toronto

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SILENT HOLOCAUST

On behalf of the Association for Jewish Continuity, one of the co-sponsors of the panel discussion on intermarriage that took place in Shaarei Shomayim (*CJN*, Oct. 8) I would like to thank *The CJN* and Ruth Schweitzer for the excellent report on the presentations made.

A quotation was presented by Dr. Lipsitz during the panel discussion of which I feel that your readership should be aware:

"We have lost almost four million American Jews (through assimilation and intermarriage), two-thirds of the American Jewish community. That is a greater proportion of Jewish population than was lost in the Holocaust of Europe."

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Opinion

Oh to be on Bathurst on a Sabbath day

By J. B. SALSBERG

I can't lie to you, my esteemed and highly regarded readers. I am depressed by the world we live in at this moment in time. And that disturbing feeling I don't even wish on my worst enemy, let alone on nice, humane and kindly people like you, and all the rest of our readers, surely are.

So, quite often I choose to be silent and try to cover such silence with all kinds of excuses . . .

What's so wrong with the world that I should be so upset by it, you may ask?

Yes, the world may be proceeding the way it always did but I belong to the segment of human beings that really believed that "we" can and will liberate all of mankind from hunger, want, oppression and murderous wars.

We didn't, of course, succeed; nay, we failed . . .

So why a Jewish person like myself who, aside from the usual pain caused by the loss of near and dear ones, can be considered as very fortunate in many, if not most, ways?

I find it so hard to accept the world as it is and live in peace with it. It must be the "Jewishness" which is a very significant portion of my Jewish heritage.

Maybe it's because from my earliest childhood I was taught to pray for and to expect the coming of Messiah? (Is that why I cannot but be a friend of the Lubvavitch chassidic movement?)

But, let's turn our backs on all such troubling thoughts and let's enjoy a leisure walk on Bathurst Street, Toronto's main Jewish thoroughfare, on a midsummer Saturday (Shabbes) afternoon, as I did a few weeks ago.

J.B. Salsberg

On most days of the week Bathurst Street, especially from St. Clair Avenue northward to the city limits, becomes mainly the heart of Toronto's Jewish community. A pedestrian or automobile driver (including the bus service, of course) will, if he or she is an observant person, be fascinated by the unfolding panorama of our multi-faceted Jewish lifestyles.

He will be attracted to the massive, but architecturally different, oldest two Jewish synagogues, the "Conservative" Beth Tzedec and the "Reform" Holy Blossom Temple. Continuing northward, past Eglinton Avenue, the observer will soon witness the Orthodox Eritz Chaim school complex, facing the Jewish National Arbeter Farband's Bialik School at Viewmount and the Shaarei Shomayim complex on Glencairn at Bathurst.

From then on Bathurst Street again changes its complexion. After passing a block or two of "old country"-style small retail shops, the chassidic world really takes over, after passing the Lawrence Plaza.

It is northward, from that plaza, that I very much like to observe and, as much as possible, to get to know.

Before sunset, on a midsummer erev Shabbes (from midday to candle-lighting time) that part of Bathurst Street reminds me of a Warsaw erev Shabbes, a month before the outbreak of the devastating Second World War.

When I see hundreds of young and old, many in their traditional, old-country dress (especially the young lads) pacing determinedly and self-assuredly to their various chassidic prayerhouses, I'm deeply moved and find myself wishing, without words, that they be spared the undeserved ordeal of their forerunners in Warsaw.

If I'm on that chassidic part of Bathurst Street on a midsummer Shabbes afternoon my mind usually recalls the great Hebrew and Yiddish poet Chaim Nachman Bialik's marvellous and very moving poem about a midsummer Shabbes in a typical, East European shtetl.

If my memory doesn't fail me, it went, in my humble prose version, like this:

The world sleeps in quiet silence. Father has his Sabbath afternoon nap and mother nods nearby, but my heart (says the young maiden) is aflutter. Why? Because every Sabbath, when the sun moves westward, my beloved comes to drink water from the well that faces our house. The world slumbers, as do fields, forests, trees and all their branches. That's when her beloved comes to drink the cool waters from the well that faces her home . . .

Well, I won't even suggest that the pious young lads, dressed in their traditional, old country Sabbath clothes, who walk leisurely on north Bathurst Street towards their respective places of worship on such a Shabbes afternoon, are conscious of the age-old Jewish traditions of Eastern European Jewry. But I, the observer, am aware, and I like, if weather permits, to join them in their leisurely midsummer Sabbath walk, past the closed Jewish merchants' stores on Jewish-populated Bathurst Street.

So some (if not many) readers of this column will ask: what happened to J.B.? Is he going backward? Has he entered his second childhood? Has he become conservative with a small "c"?

And the answer is "no" to all the above questions.

But, the state of the world does trouble me keenly. It is still a vale of tears instead of a high plateau full of sunshine and brotherly love. Messiah still tarries, just when we need him so badly . . .

In the meantime, thank heaven for Bathurst Street and all the Bathurst Streets of Jewish communities everywhere. Amen.

German celebration borders on obscene

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

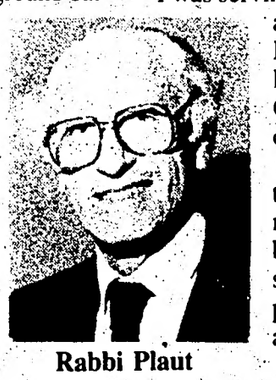
Saturday, Oct. 3 (which Jews observed as Shabbat Shuvah) a portion of German industry celebrated the invention of rocket propulsion and the birth of the space age. The *Globe and Mail* published my article on that subject on Oct. 2, and I want readers of this column to know the substance of that piece.

Celebrating the invention of the V-1 and V-2 rocket of unlamented memory strikes me as a hugely insensitive action, bordering on the obscene.

Of course, the way the matter is put by the supporters of the observance sounds innocent enough: it is supposed to be merely a celebration of a technological invention which has had an enormous impact on modern technology. Germans were indeed the early proponents of rocket propulsion and taught the world that it could be operative not only on land but in the air as well. Today jet airplanes and space vehicles are the direct descendants of this invention. There would be no reason to deny a nation that has for many years been in the forefront of innovative ideas and their translation into reality the pleasure of reminding everyone of their achievement.

Except — and this is the problem — that the first application of the New Age technology was demonstrated by way of wartrime and civilian murder.

It was World War II which fuelled the energy of German scientists, just as in the United States it led to the development of the atomic bomb and Project Manhattan. In 1942, with the ground battle in Russia stalled and the Luftwaffe's assault on Great Britain a standoff, German scientists put the first rocket-driven bombs into the air. Called V-1, they were monsters whose flaming tails could be seen from the ground, for the bombs resembled miniature zeppelins both in appearance and lumbering pace. Their aim was poor and their low altitude made them susceptible to destruction by the British.



Rabbi Plaut

So the German army created a newer version. Called V-2, it was the real ancestor of today's jet engine propulsion. The bombs were lauched high into the atmosphere, where they disappeared from sight, only to descend unheralded, accompanied by an eerie sound and followed by massive detonation.

They were not anti-military weapons but designed primarily to destroy British morale. Their surprise was total; there was no workable defense. I heard the "swish" and saw their effect for the first time when, on my way to the front in 1944, I visited my parents in England. The V-2 missiles rained on a blacked-out London with devastating effect, while never revealing when the next one would strike. The bombs were my first taste of war. Worse was to come.

In April 1945, the Nazi armies were on the run. I was serving with the American 104th Infantry, and we had crossed the Rhine over the Remagen bridge. When a few days later we were advancing to central Germany we came upon the little town of Nordhausen.

We knew from our briefings that the V-1 and V-2 bombs were manufactured here, deep down in the belly of the beautiful Harz mountains, safe from Allied aerial attacks. We expected to find the factories deserted, and they were.

But some of the people who had worked there were still to be found, a few kilometres down the road, in Dora concentration camp, behind barbed wire. That is where we came upon them, thousands upon thousands of dead lying about unburied, mingled with sprinklings of semi-dead. Dead or barely alive, they did not look as if they had ever been ordinary human beings. They were hardly recognizable now, skeletons with crinkled skin drawn over their bones. They had literally been worked to death and were then burned in the ovens which were still smoking — though the SS had made their get-away in time, leaving their ghastly evidence behind. In Dora and Nordhausen, 20,000 prisoners of all sorts, mostly but not exclusively Jews, had met their fate. Reckoned all in all, the V-1 and V-2 bombs had taken more lives before than after they were launched; the civilian destruction paled before the inhumanities of Dora.

But before or after, the angel of death had been the first beneficiary of the new technology. That is why any "celebration" that has the remotest relation with Dora/Nordhausen is an obscene perversion of values.

Of course, the parallels with the development of atomic energy and the devastation of Hiroshima on August 6, of that same year spring to mind. But the difference are equally apparent: Americans would not dream of celebrating the invention of atomic energy by identifying it in any way with the death of a quarter of a million Japanese.

In fact, Leo Szilard, the man who more than anyone else was responsible for the bomb, knew early on that his invention was not a boon for mankind and tried his best to persuade the U.S. government not to drop the bomb. There cannot and there will not be an American observance of the invention of atomic energy, for the atom bomb is inextricably linked to it as is the desruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A similar reason should have moved Germans to skip this observance, and especially so because of the bitter memories of Dora.

The Canada Clause: the pro side

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da clause instructs that the Constitution also be interpreted in a manner consistent with other characteristics which are expressed as objectives and principles (not merely facts), namely, the vitality and development of the official language minority communities, and commitments to racial and ethnic equality, gender equality, human rights, etc.

5. Unlike certain other characteristics, gender equality is dealt with in three separate provisions of the Constitution (i.e.. in the Canada clause and in sections 15 and 28 of the Charter). In fact, Section 28 exempts gender equality from the "notwithstanding clause."

Similarly, racial and ethnic diversity is addressed in several sections of the Constitution, i.e. in the Canada clause and in sections 15 and 27 of the Charter. Indeed, Section 27 stipulates that the Charter must be interpreted "in a manner consistent with the preservation and enhancement of the multicultural heritage of Canadians" so as to ensure that equality does not mean uniformity.

6. Linguistic duality would be mentioned only once in the Constitution, i.e. in the Canada clause. To counter any inference that the repeated references to gender equality and "multicultural rights" in the Constitution compared to a single reference to linguistic duality imply a weaker commitment to linguistic duality, balance is achieved by reinforcing the commitment to linguistic duality through the addition of a commitment of governments to this value.

7. The additional commitment of governments to linguistic duality also serves to counter claims that the affirmation of the role of the government and legislature of Quebec to preserve and promote the distinct society implies an intention to undermine linguistic duality.

In ruling on the validity of laws challenged under the Charter of Rights, the Court must first determine whether a right (e.g. freedom of expression) is infringed. If affirmed it must determine whether the infringement is a reasonable limit that is justifiable.

To determine the validity of a limitation of rights, the courts have developed two tests. First, whether the impunged legislation is intended to address an important legislative objective. Second, whether the legislative measure is proportionate to the objective (i.e. reasonableness).

In its well-known Quebec French-only signs law judgment, the Supreme Court ruled, in 1988, that requiring French violated freedom of expression but was valid nonetheless because (a) the promotion of the French language and culture was an important legislative objective; and (b) the requirement to use French on signs was reasonable. However, in spite of the importance of promoting the French language and culture, the Court struck down the prohibition on the use of other languages, finding that to be disproportionate and unreasonable since it negated the linguistic and cultural reality of Quebec. The Court added that it would even be valid to require the "marked predominance" of French on signs.

The Canada clause embodies the balance already recognized by the Supreme Court and would, in my view, result in the same judgment. The vitality and development of the English-speaking community of Quebec and the commitment to cultural diversity, being fundamental characteristics, cannot be negated by the government and legislature of Quebec in the exercise of the historic role of preserving and promoting the distinct society.

The Canada clause, in recognizing the distinct society and confirming the equality of provinces, affirms our belief that equality does not mean uniformity. The affirmation of the role of the government and legislature of Quebec constitutes our formal agreement that the preservation and promotion of the distinct society within Canada is important and valid.

The Canada clause, with its varied elements, represents the Canadian way. It declares a renewed commitment to a united Canada, strengthened by our diversity. It is a balanced statement of fundamental characteristics with a view to securing the rights of all Canadians.

The Canada clause is a commitment to Canadian identity.

Eric Maldorf is a Montreal lawyer and the founding president of Alliance Quebec.

Features

Judaica treasure trove resurfaces

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

An immense, virtually unknown, uncatalogued and infinitely valuable collection of Judaica has resurfaced in the former Soviet Union, says a University of Toronto librarian who has examined an illuminating portion of it.

Consisting of some 250,000 books, manuscripts and newspapers in languages ranging from Yiddish and Hebrew to Russian and Polish, it was hidden and neglected until quite recently.

But now, under the impact of the volcanic changes that have rocked the ex-Soviet Union since the late 1980s, it is being rehabilitated, reports Barry Walfish, the Jewish Studies selector at the U of T library.

In 1926, the Soviet government established the Institute for Jewish Proletariat Culture in Kiev, at a time when Jewish institutions were being closed in the name of socialist progress. A Jewish historian, Joseph Liberberg, was assigned the task of amassing a comprehensive book and manuscript collection.

Under Liberberg's assiduous direction, tens of thousand of books and manuscripts were expropriated to fill the shelves of the new institute.

They were taken from various sources, including the Society for the Spread of Enlightenment Among Jews and the Society for Jewish History and Ethnography, both of which were founded in the 19th century. Synagogues were also raided, as were priva e collections, notably the library of Russian-Jewish orientalist Abraham Harkavy (1835-1919).

According to Walfish, the institute grew rapidly. By the mid-1930s, it had one of the world's richest Judaica collections, much of it in Yiddish and Hebrew. It was renowned for its incunabula (books published before 1500), its volumes from the 16th to 19th centuries and its Yiddish imprints of modern Soviet works.

As well, the institute could boast of a vast archive of Jewish newspapers from around the world, including Montreal's *Kanader Adler*.

"All this came to an end, very abruptly, in 1936, when the institute was closed down," says Walfish.

Its closure was inextricably linked with Moscow's crackdown on Jewish culture. "It was no longer considered politic to maintain separate institutions for different ethnic groups."

Liberberg, who had worked so hard to build the institute, was shot in the late 1930s, accused of espionage.

The institute's collection was moved to the Vernadsky Library in the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kiev, where it was institutionally buried. "It was more or less forgotten, though people knew about it," explains Walfish. "It was not cultivated and taken care of. It was frozen, put into deep storage."

But since Moscow had not yet abandoned its policy of promoting Yiddish, while discouraging Hebrew, the authorities allowed the Vernadsky Library to establish a relatively small section devoted to Yiddish language, literature and folklore.

In 1941, after the German army occupied Kiev, the Nazis combed the collection in its entirety. It isn't clear what happened, but Walfish believes the Nazis removed an undetermined number of manuscripts, which are still missing.

In 1949, when Josef Stalin's campaign against "cosmopolitans" (read Jews) was already under way, the Yiddish section in the Vernadsky Library was shut. Its books were taken to several locales in and around Kiev, including a monastery.

They remained there until 1964, when they were transferred to a damp basement of a nearby apartment building. There they mouldered away.

Three years ago, with glasnost and perestroika changing the face of the Soviet Union, the Vernadsky Library took control of the Yiddish collection, then found a home on its premises for the rest of the books, manuscripts and newspapers which had once belonged to the Institute for Jewish Proletariat Culture.

Earlier this year, after Ukraine had attained national independence, the Vernadsky Library invited Walfish, 45, to come to Kiev as a consultant. He spent 2½ weeks in the Ukrainian capital, studying approximately 1,500 Jewish manuscripts. He was the first foreigner in ages to be accorded that privilege.

The manuscripts, some of which date back to the Middle Ages, take the form of liturgical works, siddurim, responsa, religious poetry, biblical commentaries, kabbalah, communal records and karatica (composed by Karaites). They are from the Russian Empire and the rest of Europe.

According to Walfish, they are of major importance. Unfortunately, the majority are in poor condition. In a few instances, pages disintegrated in his hands.

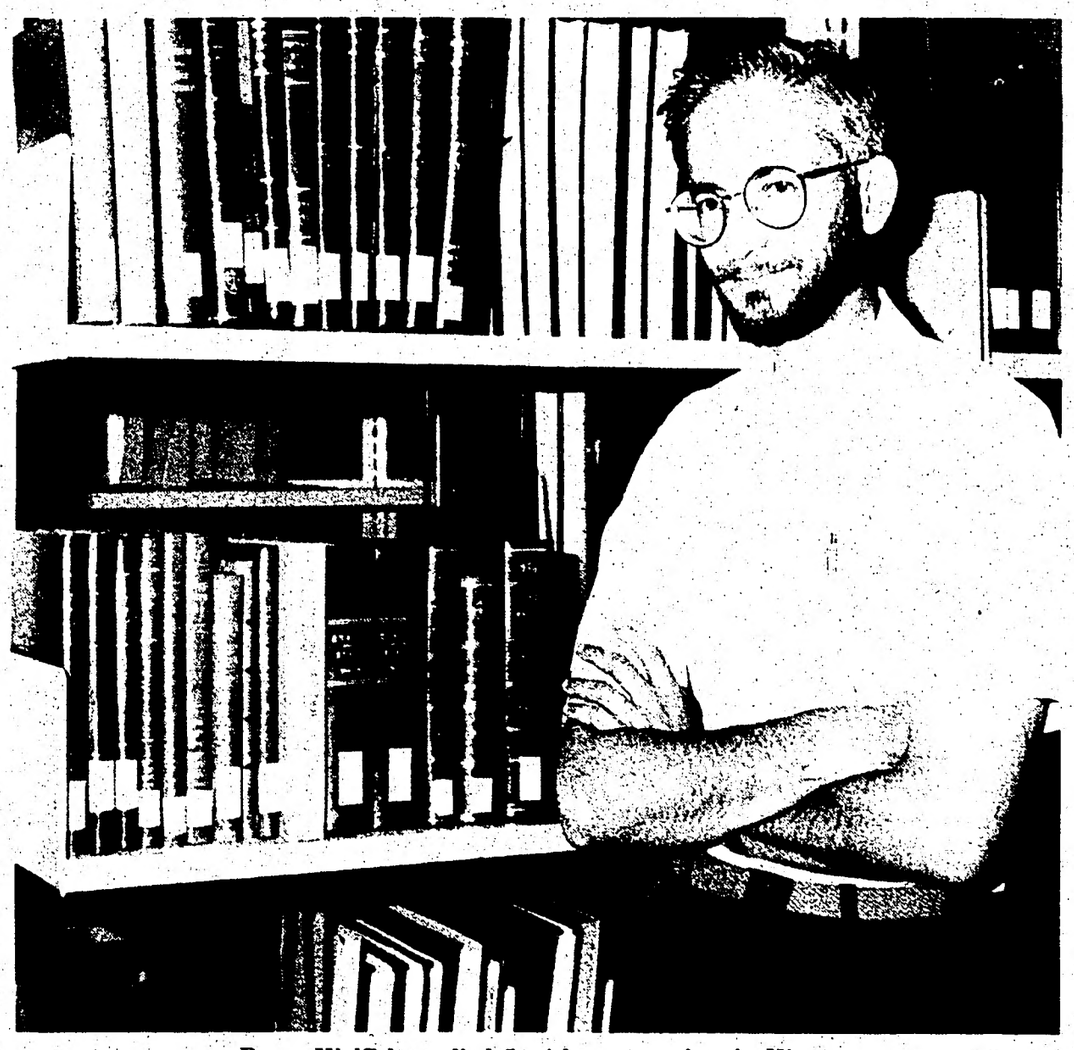
A great many of the Yiddish books are also in bad condition, and they will have to be fumigated. The newspapers are in reasonably good shape.

In Walfish's estimation, it may well take the Vernadsky Library upwards of a decade to organize the collection properly.

Funds are scarce, and there is a shortage of Yiddish and Hebrew speakers. However, YIVO — the Institute of Jewish Research in New York City — has invited two members of the Vernadsky Library to study Yiddish so that they can do their jobs properly. Walfish believes that Ukraine will eventually turn out its own cadre of Yiddish and Hebrew specialists.

The Jews of Kiev, he notes, have not been involved in the project to restore the collection to its former glory, apparently because of mistrust between the Jewish community and local authorities. "This, though, may change in the future."

Walfish, who has worked at the U of T since 1974, has no plans to return to Kiev in the near future, but hopes he can play a role in having the collection microfilmed for the National Library in Jerusalem. Only then, he suggests, will Jewish scholars everywhere be able to scrutinize it.



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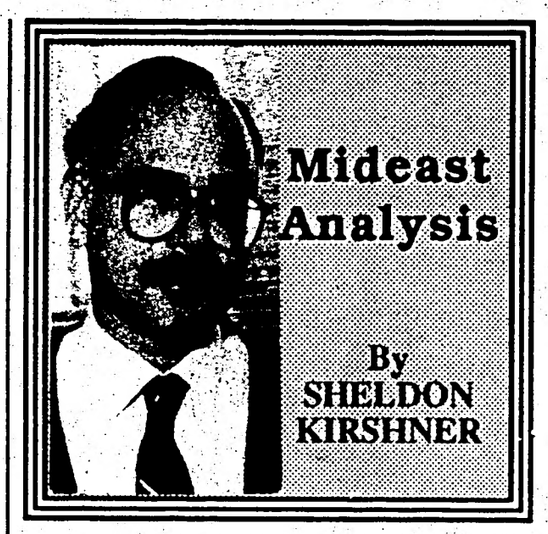


With the U.S. presidential campaign heading into its final weeks, the Arab-Israeli dispute is no longer the contentious issue it appeared to be in the spring and summer of this year.

President George Bush, the Republican incumbent, abruptly pulled the rug from under the feet of the Democrats' candidate, Bill Clinton, by agreeing to provide Israel with $10 billion worth of loan guarantees over a five-year period.

Fighting hard to unseat Bush after only one term, Clinton had pummelled the president by contrasting Bush's opposition to loan guarantees with his unwavering endorsement of them. The Bush administration had linked loan guarantees with its demand for an Israeli settlement freeze. This caused a crisis in Israeli-U.S. relations and turned some Jews against Bush.

But since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assured of the funds back in August, in return for scaling back the scope of settlements in the territories, Clinton and his running mate, Al Gore, have been deprived of a stick with which to beat the Bush administration.

In an attempt to curry favor with Jewish voters, Bush campaigners have emphasized the strong pro-Israel platform adopted by the Republican party at its recent convention in Houston. Among other things, the Republicans underlined the United States' strategic partnership with Israel and came out against the notion of an independent Palestinian state.

The presidential race

In appealing to the Jewish electorate, the Democrats are no less pro-Israel.

The Democratic platform refers to "our longstanding special relationship and strategic alliance with the State of Israel." And it bases Democratic policy on the 1978 Camp David Accords, which were formulated by Democratic President Jimmy Carter in conjunction with Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin.

The Camp David framework called for a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

More specifically, Camp David noted that "peace requires respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries." Furthermore, Camp David recognized "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements."

Like the Republicans, the Democrats oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state. However, they support a program of limited autonomy for the Palestinians (which is not at variance with either U.S. or Israeli policy).

The Democrats say that Jerusalem should remain Israel's undivided capital, but Clinton hedged when he was directly asked whether he, as president, would move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Clinton and Gore have presented themselves as fundamentally pro-Israel, while casting aspersions on Bush's allegedly calculated attitude to the Jewish state.

Gore, a Tennessee senator, has a much longer track record with regard to Israel than Clinton. Gore has been a leading advocate of the Israeli-American relationship, has generally opposed arms sales to Arab countries at war with Israel and has favored legislation to combat the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Describing himself as Israel's "unswerving friend," Gore signed letters in 1988 and 1989 urging the denial of a U.S. visa to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. In 1990, he supported the suspension of Washington's political dialogue with the PLO.

Clinton, who has a good chance of winning more than 70 percent of the Jewish vote in November, has surrounded himself with Jewish advisors.

His campaign chief of staff is Eli Segal, while two of his foreign policy advisors are Sandy Berger and Stephen Spiegel. Interestingly enough, Segal and Berger are identified with Peace Now, whose espousal of a negotiated settlement based on territorial compromise conforms not only with Democratic and Republican philosophy, but with the policy of Israel's present government.

Kibbutz maintains special lifestyle

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Most of the members of Ketura, an isolated kibbutz 64 kilometers (40 miles) north of Eilat, could easily have become doctors, lawyers or corporation executives in a comfortable corner of the United States. Instead, they struggle against great odds to wrench their living from the inhospitable soil of an Israeli desert.

"Why?" I asked Mala Falkof, a former resident of Baltimore who is now serving as the secretary of Ketura.

"I guess," she answered with the trace of a smile, "we are trying to prove that there are still some idealistic Zionists left in the world."

That is perhaps as good an explanation as any of the fact that Ketura has not only existed for 18 years, but maintains its own special lifestyle.

For example, at a time when the majority of Israeli collectives are letting members decide what to do with most of their share of kibbutz income, Ketura uses a large percentage of its funds for community-projects. Thus it spends seven times as much as the average settlement on its gardens, which make it a startlingly green oasis in the midst of a moon-like desert landscape.

The members' live-and-let-live approach to religion also sets them off from most other kibbutzniks, indeed from most other Israelis. On the one hand, there are regular services on the Conservative model in the community's synagogue, kashrut in its dining hall and Sabbath observance in its public places. Yet, on the other hand, no eyebrows are raised if someone steps outside the dining hall after dinner on Friday night to light up a cigarette.

Ketura's special character is also reflected in the agricultural sphere, where its members try to be as innovative as possible. Leading the way, among others, is former Californian Elaine Solowey, one of three PhDs on the kibbutz. Solowey, who has a doctorate in soil reclamation, singlehandedly runs a large experimental fruit orchard where she attempts to determine whether "imported" trees and bushes can be productive in the dry salty soil of the area.

Not all the imported vegetation does well, but a surprising percentage has thrived. For instance, the so-called Indian date trees produce large quantities of fruit (which tastes like a cross between a date and an apple), and edible oil is already being extracted from nuts grown on Argania trees from Morocco. Solowey also expects good yields from the Cereus cactus of Peru, the fruit of which has a near-kiwi flavor.

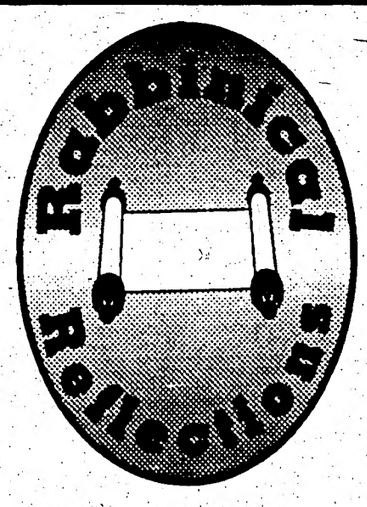
The Third World not only contributes to Ketura's experimental orchard, but also benefits from it. "Every month," says Solowey, several busloads of people from Africa, Asia and Latin America come by to see what we are doing and to pick up ideas."

Ex-Philadelphian Michael Solowey, unlike his wife Elaine, can't work in his field of expertise, there being little economic value in his knowledge of ancient Hebrew texts. So he runs the kibbutz laundry. However, his background helps him to play an active role in the cultural and religious life of Ketura.

The expertise of North Californian Alon Tal — who has a law degree from the Hebrew University and a PhD in environmental studies from Harvard — is being utilized, albeit not on the kibbutz itself. Commuting by plane to an office in Tel Aviv, Tal has set up Israel's first environmental association that specializes in legal issues.

The standard of living enjoyed by Tal and other university graduates at Ketura appears to be much lower than that of their fellow alumnae in the United States.

Yet this depends on what you mean by standard of living. The kibbutzniks point out that they have access to a swimming pool, a dark room, stables and sophisticated musical equipment. Moreover, and more important, they enjoy the constant support and friendship of a tightly-knit and creative community.



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This Shabbos we begin reading the Torah all over again. As we do, after an intensive period of repentance and the wonderful holidays of Succos and Simchas Torah, it behooves us to bear a few very important facts in mind.

The divinity of the Torah and its immutability are the eighth and ninth fundamental principles of Judaism as expressed by Maimonides: 8) "I believe with complete faith that the entire Torah now found in our hands is the same one that was given to Moses, our teacher, peace be upon him." 9) "I believe with complete faith that this Torah will not be exchanged nor will there be another Torah from the Creator, blessed is His Name."

The Talmud states (Sanhedrin, 99a): ". . . Because he has despised the word of Hashem — this refers to him who maintains that the Torah is not from Heaven. And even if he asserts that the whole Torah is from Heaven, except for a particular verse, which [he maintains] was not uttered by God but by Moses himself, he is included in [the above verse] . . ."

The Torah was given in the year 2448, 3,305 years ago. For over 3,000 years there was hardly a single Jew in Jewish history who questioned the truth of its divine origin. Even Korach, the greatest challenger to the leadership of Moses, did not question the Divine Sinaitic Revelation.

Anyone who studies the Torah through "kosher eyes" can perceive the divinity of Torah. It's great to have archaeology and computers now verify the veracity of Torah as we see these proofs unfolding every day.

However, even these point out the foolishness and sometimes mathematical impossibility of ascribing the Torah to not one human author, which in itself is absurd, but to many human authors.

To base the above assumptions on the change of the use for the word of God from Elokim to the four letter unpronounceable name for Hashem; to base the above on single differences in the Torah which have been explained and resolved in the Oral Torah, the Talmud and Midrashim is offensive and repugnant to true scholars of the Torah. I speak of course of the so called "scientific" study of the Bible — "Bible Criticism."

As I write this article and read the words of a so-called "Jewish" encyclopedia I need every ounce of strength to restrain myself from either laughing or crying, I'm not sure which. The only analogy that comes to mind is how we as a Jewish nation (whatever the degree of our religiosity) are revolted by the revisionists of Holocaust history — Keegstra, Zundel, and company.

Is it not frightening to read how one can deny the documented facts of the Holocaust? We have the records that the Nazis themselves kept; we have countless other documents; eyewitness reports; photographs. Yet less than 30 years later, so-called educated historians are rewriting the facts and propounding such preposterous theories that even the non-Jewish world is shocked and horrified.

Our sacred Torah, the divinity of which was unquestioned for thousands of years, is now subject to a similar revision and distortion of facts. There must be thousands of Torahs in every far flung corner of the world. Open up any one of them and except for the spelling of one letter of one word they are absolutely exactly the same. Not one extra letter; not one missing word. And they are all hand-written, every single letter.

What is even more disturbing is what the above encyclopedia states as the purpose of Bible criticism, and I quote: "The term Bible criticism is perhaps unfortunate. It implies that its purpose is to cast doubt upon the authenticity of the Bible and its values, or weaken its hold upon humanity or to destroy it altogether.

On the contrary, most students of the Bible approach the text with reverence, aiming to discover and to learn the truth. They feel that they serve humanity best, not by blind acceptance of tradition, but by searching examination and testing.

Their purpose is not to attack the Bible but to defend it, believing that their objective studies and reverent criticisms will furnish the best defense to the arguments and the onslaughts of the enemy of the Bible and of religion."

We don't need the examination of scoffers who are truly the real enemies of the Bible and of religion. We don't need their defences. They have in fact destroyed the Torah. Their reverence has led to our nation being decimated by rampant intermarriage and assimilation.

We had throughout the ages, and baruch Hashem still have our own great Rabbis and sages, the Talmud, Midrash, Early and Latter great Jewish Bible scholars who had, and have more knowledge of the Bible, than all of the Bible critics collectively.

We have today thousands who are studying Torah daily, both students in Yeshivas, and baalei batim, laymen who all over the world are learning daf yomi and who have other Torah shiurim as well. Walk into a Yeshiva Bais HaMedrash or into one of these shiurim, and there you will learn and see what reverence for Torah and Bible is.

If you want to really study Torah *af an emes*, in real truth, do yourself a favor and stick to the kosher sources — we have plenty; we don't need to learn Torah from non-Jewish sources and so-called Jewish sources that are often more irreverent than even those sources.

You can't study Torah from someone who doesn't believe in most of what is written in the Torah. He has to be prejudiced and rationalize his beliefs, and will twist and warp the Torah in every conceivable manner in order for it to conform to his understanding.

Tefillin escapes unscathed from blast

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

If one could boil down Jerusalem's social existence into one single event, this could well be it.

A young religious Jerusalemite got off the Bnei Brak-Jerusalem bus and was heading for home recently when he suddenly realized he had forgotten a bag on the bus, containing his laundry and a set of tefillin. He called Egged bus company's lost-and-found office, which recommended he speak to the bus driver the next day to inquire about the bag.

The anxious fellow arranged a meeting with the driver. He didn't get the bag, but got a bawling out instead.

It seems that on the bus' next trip, someone noticed the abandoned bag and alerted a policeman on the bus. A familiar scene, right? The policeman ordered the driver to stop, and everyone had to get out. A long delay, huge traffic jam, great crowds, tension in the air, and finally the anti-terror sappers of the bomb-disposal unit careened onto the scene. The bag was gingerly removed, and detonated.

As everyone on the scene held his breath, the sapper stealthily approached the target. Suddenly, he shouted: "get me a kippa!" Among the shredded laundry and destroyed bag he saw the tefillin — absolutely unscathed.

The sapper lifted the tefillin from the carnage and kissed them, while the crowd around him cheered.

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Organizations and People

JF&CS issues call for foster families

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Traditional family values — the oft-used buzz phrase of the '90s — isn't easily attainable for hundreds of Jewish families in Metro.

Overworked single parents, poverty, dysfunctional families and behavior problems in children mean more families need help in areas like parenting and life skills.

Instead of relying on social workers to help solve problems, Jewish Family & Child Service, through its innovative Foster Families for Families program, teams families needing help with more stable family units for six to eight weeks. The hope is that the family using the service will not only get a breather from the daily grind but learn skills or at least attain some coping mechanisms from the foster family.

But now, the six-month-old program has hit rough waters. JF&CS used to have two foster families on its roster, able to call on either to come to the aid of a family in trouble. One of those foster families has dropped out and the agency is putting out a distress call to the community for more.

Without more foster families, the current waiting list of six families requiring help will grow, JF&CS fears.

The program requires a major commitment from foster families, concedes Karen Engel of JF&CS.

"Your family would have to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, although the [receiving] family wouldn't use you nearly that much," Engel told *The CJN*.

Potential foster families undergo training before being hooked up with a family in need, she explained.

Mainly, foster families help in areas where time is scarce, say, for a single mother.

A foster mother might be asked to help prepare dinner while a working mother is bathing her children, or help with the bath while dinner is being made. It may also involve helping with shopping, other chores and errands and the usual mundane things families must do.

The real crunch may come when participants are called on for support or to act as intervenors in cases of behavior problems or other dysfunctions in their foster family's children.

For foster parent Tami Rose, the program has become a real family affair, with her husband and five children often pitching in to help their foster charges.

Rose says the program involves a realistic commitment of 15 to 20 hours a week.

Rose's foster family is comprised of a single, working mother and her four children, one of whom is physically handicapped. The mother has no relatives in Toronto and needs respite. She also requires help with shopping, domestic chores and taking her children on outings.

The basic philosophy behind the program, Rose notes, is that all families, no matter how dysfunctional, share a sense of unity. Thus, families can learn to cope with their problems as a unit and do not have to suffer a break-up.

Stable families may also be viewed as a model by the foster family, Rose adds, while children from the two families often form natural friendships.

Often, she explains, parents lack the skills needed to cope with their children. Putting children to bed, helping them with homework or planning nutritious meals can prove too challenging for many parents.

"It can seem scary," Rose says of the program. "But I love it. It's very personally satisfying."

Anyone interested in the Foster Families for Families program is urged to call JF&CS at (416) 638-7800.

B.C. report calls on province to fight racist activities

By MAURICE LUCOW

SALMON ARM, B.C. —
The British Columbia government should set up a provincial cabinet post whose sole function is the prevention of the spread of racist activities and the elimination of racist organizations.

This is one of the key recommendations in a report released to the media by the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism (SACAR), which operates out of Salmon Arm, a small B.C. city in the Shuswap-Okanagan region.

The report urges also that legislation be enacted by the province "to control racist activity and racist networking that is presently being conducted through computers, electronic systems, phone network and high-tech electronic technologies."

SACAR wants stronger laws to prevent the spread of hate literature, government funding for anti-racist monitoring organizations and a government inquiry "to expose racist activity and organizations in the Okanagan-Shuswap."

The SACAR report says it "is alarmed at what appears to be a rapid growth of organized racism, particularly in British Columbia. The KKK, Aryan Nations and skinheads are neither dormant nor dying . . . Racist and anti-Semitic 'festivals' and 'conferences' are becoming a regularity. Organizations that distribute racist literature, that hold 'award banquets' to honor racists, only increase their credibility and serve to strengthen right-wing extremism."

SACAR was organized in July of this year by David Lethbridge, a psychology instructor at Okanagan University College in Salmon Arm. He is not Jewish. He said he and a handful of others in the city founded the organization to combat the activities of the local Council on Public Affairs, headed by Eileen Pressler, which allegedly has ties with the Canadian League of Rights and through the CLR with a network of racist organizations in the United States and elsewhere in the world.

The SACAR report says a map of the region of North America to be "liberated" by the Aryan Nations includes the whole of the Okanagan including Salmon Arm.

Using their own funds, members of SACAR, under Lethbridge, made an exhaustive study of the racist organizations which they say operate in the area and published their findings in a 60-page report, along with an appendix which cites the source of their information.

The report says that "it is the opinion of SACAR that even though the focus of organized racism in British Columbia is most frequently the Jews, that the struggle against racism is not a religious struggle, nor is it of interest only to those of Jewish heritage. Anti-Black and anti-Asian propaganda are also high on the racist agenda . . . Opposition to organized racism in the Shuswap-Okanagan region and throughout Canada is of interest to every individual who wishes to preserve and extend justice, freedom and democracy."

SACAR adds that in a phone conversation with Deblika Guin, of the prohibited articles division of Canada Customs, in July, it learned that "there has been a substantial increase in the amount of hate literature entering Canada in the last five years, much of it entering in the Okanagan region."

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National unity has been of primary concern for Canadians from coast to coast over the past year. Canadian Jewish Congress and, in particular, our National Unity Committee have been deeply involved in this issue. For decades, the Canadian Jewish community, through Canadian Jewish Congress, has been an active participant in the constitutional debate. The current referendum period, however, is perhaps the most critical point in Canada's 125-year history. We are proud that we have formally registered our committee on the "yes" side.

We firmly believe that the issues that so deeply concern us, such as human rights, equality, education, immigration, and the strengthening of our communal structures, will be far better served in a forward-looking and united Canada, rather than in a country plunged into the uncertainty of further constitutional debate and possible disintegration. We, therefore, urge you to vote "yes" to the Charlottetown accord and to Canada.

This is a pivotal moment in our history. A strong "yes" vote on October 26 will be good for the Jewish community and good for Canada. We pray that the next 125 years will find us stronger and more united as a nation.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Abella
National President

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National Unity Committee Chair

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FEDERATION NEWS

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto | Holocaust Education Week, November 5 - 18 | United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus

Holocaust survivors recount their amazing stories

Thousands of students hear eyewitness accounts

It's a hard sight to imagine for some: a Holocaust survivor opening up and recounting their horrific and triumphant stories to a roomful of students. Many Second Generation members admit it's often hard enough to get their own parents to talk to them about the Holocaust. Yet a number of those who survived the Nazi regime are telling their amazing stories to students.

The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto welcomed 12,000 students last year alone. Busloads came from Greater Toronto, across Southern Ontario and beyond. All students had the opportunity to meet and listen to a Holocaust survivor. This meeting provides the student with a first-hand account and a personal testimony.

The speakers agree that the response from students and teachers alike has inspired them to continue their work.

Robert Weiss is one of the speakers who has chosen to "go public" with his story. Weiss began speaking to students three years ago, upon his retirement. With plenty of time on his hands, Weiss began reading books on the Holocaust. Although he is a survivor, he admits that he really wasn't knowledgeable on the subject.

"The more I read, the more I realized that there are not too many of us left to tell about it," he explains. "I'm lucky enough that I can talk about it. Many can't force themselves to even think about the past."

Born in Hungary, Weiss was 17 when he was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz with his family. He believes his family was exterminated within a day of their arrival to the death camp. He was eventually sent to Dachau.

Weiss fears that he may be the last link in the chain of survivors to bring eyewitness stories to a young audience. "The mission for all the survivors is to teach those kids, some of whom have no connection whatsoever to the Holocaust or Jewishness. That is the satisfaction."

Unlike many survivors, Peter Silverman was never a concentration camp prisoner: He was a resistance fighter who spent much of the war eluding the Nazis in the forests of Russia and Poland.

He realized how important it was for him to address young people during a 1985 reunion of the Jewish War Veterans and Lithunian Partisans and Resistance Fighters.

"We realized that many of our former brothers and sisters are missing, sick or otherwise unable to come to the reunion. Our story has not been told -- that the majority knows about ghettoes and the camps, but they are not familiar with the Jewish war resistance and Jewish heroism.

"For myself, I decided the story has to be told. It was almost like coming out of the closet," he says.

Why did Silverman wait so long to tell his story?

"Most of us came with nothing to this country. We tried to raise our families. I ran a delicatessen and worked all the time. But now, I have time on my hands and I realize that many of my comrades are gone."

Silverman recently embarked on a biographical project, which was published earlier this year, titled, *From Victims to Victors*.

Like Weiss, Silverman gains satisfaction from talking to those unfamiliar with the Holocaust.

Some of the questions fielded by the survivors include: "Why did the Nazis and Hitler choose to annihilate the Jews?"; "Why didn't Jews resist?"; and "Why did so many die in the camps with so little resistance, like sheep to be slaughtered?"

Catholic students are interested in the survivors' belief in G-d during the Holocaust and afterward. Others want to know how the speakers feel about Germans today, or if the survivors have any feelings of vengeance.

Hungarian-born Judith Rubinstein started speaking after being invited by her granddaughter to address her Hebrew school.

Then Rubinstein spoke during the Anne Frank exhibit, held at Harborfront three years ago, and in the annual Holocaust students' seminar day at OISE.

At one Catholic school, Rubinstein recalls a West Indian student who asked, "What did Hitler do to black people?"

"You're lucky you weren't in Europe at the time," she replied, as she explained Hitler's warped theory of the "Aryan look."

She says she gets a lot of feedback from visible minorities.

"I try to explain to the students why I come with this story 50 years later," Rubinstein says. "It could happen to anyone if we are not careful.

"Nobody has the right to say that one race is better over the other. We have to respect each other for what we are."

Several of the survivors say they have been confronted with denial from time to time.

According to Weiss, who has dealt with the comment, "My parents say this never happened," he points out, "We aren't here to argue. We are here to tell our experience. I was there. It was not a coincidence that my family was killed. We all arrived together. But I never saw or heard from them again.

"In Catholic schools, the students ask about the Church. I point out that in a concentration camp where I was, most of workers were German clergy, Catholic priests who spoke up against the Nazi regime.

"This was a small minority, because the Vatican's response was not to speak out. There was a negligible amount of Righteous Gentiles.

There are around 40 active survivor speakers who tell their story to students, according to Pnina Spetgang, director of the HRC and Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

All speakers are trained prior to their initiation as presenters.

"We recently held the Fourth Annual Survivors Speakers Workshop," she says.

"This year's program was dedicated to the issue of anti- racist, prejudice and deniers. We must educate the speakers since they are confronted by the students with questions on these subjects." ❑

Reflections by educators and students

The following letters were received from teachers and students who have heard a Holocaust survivor speak:

"I appreciate you telling about your experience during the Holocaust. I think that you are an incredible lady with a lot of courage and hope."

"Your presentation was very effective and thought provoking for students."

"The tour of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre and the lecture by the survivor was of great importance to our teens. Your personal testimony will stay with us long after the formal lessons have been forgotten."

"I was deeply touched, and moved by your remarkable story."

"I wish that more people would have been "Righteous Gentiles" and maybe millions of Jews would have been saved."

"It is said that those who forget their history are destined to repeat it. The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre serves as a powerful reminder to your past and of our responsibilities to the future."

"Without exception our students were genuinely moved by the experience and especially touched by the recollections of survivors of the Holocaust."

"I am overwhelmed that I am one of the few privileged people to have heard your speech."

Holocaust Education Week slated for November 5 - 18

"To forget is, for a Jew, to deny his people and all that it symbolizes and also to deny himself."
-- Eli Wiesel

FEDERATION -- The 12th Annual Holocaust Education Week will take place between Thursday, Nov. 5, and Wednesday, Nov. 18. This is a major, community-wide event involving various synagogues, organizations, educational institutions and public libraries across the Greater Toronto area. A series of lectures, panel discussions, dramatic performances and films will be presented at various locations.

Eleanor Getzler is the chairperson of Holocaust Education Week. The program continues to grow in both quality and attendance and has received high recognition from other Jewish communities.

It have successfully reached out to new sources of programming such as the public libraries, enabling even more people to learn about the Holocaust and its contemporary implications on racism and prejudice. Many **March of the Living** participants and other third generation youth are not only attending the program but are actively involved.

"Through awareness we both ensure that we never forget the horrors of the Holocaust, and ensure that the legacy of our people is passed on to future generations," says Getzler.

This year's Holocaust Education Week promises an unlimited supply of insight and information with a vast selection of speakers, films and music to choose from.

Films feature during the week include:

Korczak, Dark Lullabies, Restless Conscience, Escape to the Rising Sun and **Europa, Europa.**

Speakers will include:

Dr. Elaine Todres, *Children of Holocaust Survivors: Challenges and Obligations;*

Roberta Jameston, *Red Flags and Warning Signals;*

Dr. John Sigal, *The Family Life of Survivors: Its Impact on their Children and Grandchildren;*

Rev. Victor Shephard, *Roots of Christian Anti Semitism;*

Michael Schelew, *The Holocaust: Lessons for our Times;*

Prof. Michael Marrus, *The International Red Cross and the Holocaust;*

Dr. Harvey Rosenfeld, *Wallenberg at 80: Hopes are Still Alive;*

Rabbi Louis Schechter, *Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass;*

Dr. Neil Rosenstein, *Rabbinic Roots and Holocaust Remembrance;* and

Nomi Morris, *The New Germany: Reflections and Challenges.*

Music programs scheduled at this year's Holocaust Education Week will feature **Habonim Youth Choir, Faye Kellerstein with Jewish History in Music and Cantor Louis Danto** and **Choir.**

There will be numerous survivors on hand who will share their testimonies.

For more information, contact the Holocaust Remembrance committee at 635-2883, ext. 153.

To Remember

By Leonard S. Moll

To remember
To remember everything,
To remember and not to forget,
To remember and not to forgive
To remember and to tell.

With these words, Mr. Dov Shilansky, former speaker of the Knesset and a Holocaust survivor, made a vow at the concluding ceremony of the Second International Conference of Children of Holocaust Survivors, which was held in memory of Avi Erlich in Jerusalem last July.

The motivating factor, which drove each one of these people to Israel and this conference, lies in a strong yearning...to reach out and embrace their parents entire being, including their experiences from the Holocaust. Over an incredible three-day period, participants of the conference listened to and shared their thoughts and feelings with other children of survivors from around the world.

"I became more and more award of a veil in front of them," recalled one participant, "Of all the dead people that were lost, their family...and it's always there."

Another recalled, during her growing up: "And they won't touch it and they won't feel it and they won't talk about it. And I grew up absorbing that."

In discussion groups conducted by AMCHA (National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation), there were participants who shared their frustration and sadness at being "shut out" of an important part of their parents' lives. In an attempt to shield their children from the pain they endured, survivors as parents succeeded in cutting off a beautiful, ugly, happy and sad part of themselves from their children.

Other participants remembered how their upbringing was enriched as a result of their parents, as well as other family members who shared their memories of the Holocaust.

"We (children of survivors) have to push our parents to open up a little more," said one participant whose father recently opened up to him as a survivor. "Sure, it will hurt, but the worst thing that can possibly happen is that they keep it inside themselves and once they are gone the stories are lost forever." ❑

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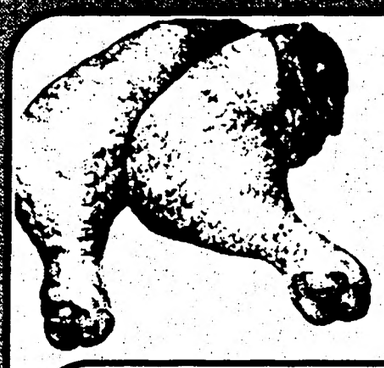

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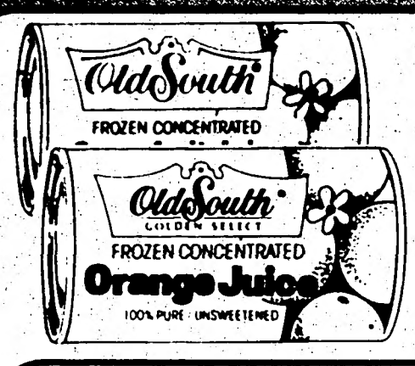

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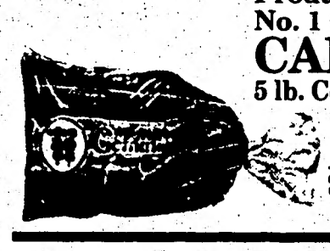

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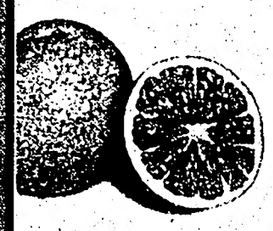

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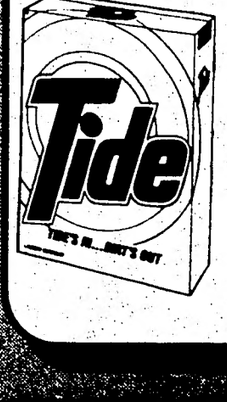

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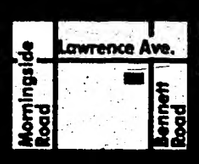

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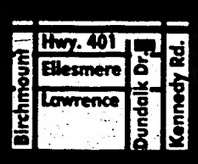

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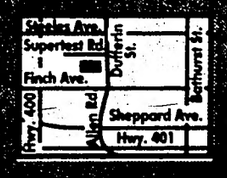

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Toronto Hadassah-WIZO prepares for 60th bazaar

TORONTO —
The Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar, North America's biggest one-day bargain extravaganza is celebrating its 60th year on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place.

In recognition of this milestone event, Mayor June Rowlands has proclaimed Oct. 28 as Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar Day.

The bazaar will again offer an endless variety of new, gently used, and vintage clothing and accessories for the entire family, including furs, shoes and jewelry. There will be loads of toys, video games, linens, comforters, home furnishings, cosmetics and silk flowers. There will be an especially large selection of treasures and collectibles and as always a wide array of grocery items — canned goods, fresh fruit and vegetables as well as many other items too numerous to mention.

For the hungry shopper there are restaurants serving mouth-watering home-made foods and take-home goodies — lots of sweets for trick or treat. An added attraction this year will be a special children's play area.

All-day auction

On-going existing activities include: an all-day auction featuring items such as major event tickets and celebrity signed memorabilia; fashion auctions; Doo Doo the clown; free cake in honor of Canada's 125th birthday; and new this year, a special children's play area.

General admission is $4 and $2 at the door for senior citizens and children 5-12 years old when accompanied by an adult. Pre-schoolers are admitted free of charge. TTC and GO trains make regular stops at Exhibition Place all day.

Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar chairman Vivien Sharon is flanked by her two vice-chairmen, Sharon Kroft (left) and Sharon Grossman (right).

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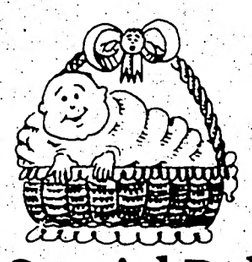
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Organizations and People

UJA volunteers listen, learn

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
This is UJA campaign time and so there you are, an eager volunteer, ready to help raise money for Israel and your local Jewish community.

You've been given all the facts and figures, told how much money is needed and where it goes, all about the importance of having a successful campaign.

You have your cards and now you're ready to go out and canvass. Or are you?

A few pointers never hurt and Hamilton campaign workers were attentive recently as three experts conducted canvasser training sessions prior to the campaign's official start.

About 40 women attended the morning session, conducted by Hamilton-born Debbie Freeman Kimel, vice-chairman, Toronto UJA women's division, at the home of her parents, Yetta and Zoltan Freeman, and Lisa Morrison, women's division chairman and associate campaign director, Toronto federation UJA.

The men's evening session took place at the home of Brenda and Lorne Richter and was conducted by Naomi Rose, co-chairman, training and education, Toronto UJA campaign.

Present at both sessions was the new regional UIA shaliach, Eddie Ben Tzur.

The campaign, Ben Tzur said, is Jewish people working together to help Jewish people in the Diaspora as well as the State of Israel.

Money raised for the local community, for Jewish education, social services, community events, trips to Israel, Zionist and religious youth groups helps create "the sense of Jewish identity and Jewish solidarity that is so important in the fight against assimilation in North America," he said.

But that is only one part of the campaign.

Recently reinvigorated peace negotiations may well lead to Israel having to give up parts of the Golan, the West Bank "and maybe even parts of Jerusalem.

"This is the price we may have to pay," warned Ben Tzur. And although Israelis remain "very suspicious" of Arab intentions, the mood in Israel today, he said, is that for the first time, there is a chance of negotiating a peace treaty.

Yet more than ever, Israel needs your support, he said. Because if the peace negotiations fail, Israel will have to be strong enough to survive politically, economically, socially and militarily.

Another reason why Israel needs a strong social system is the continuing massive immigration, mostly from the former Soviet Union, where 1.2 million Jews now have invitations to Israel and 38,000 have begun the aliya process. As well, there is the rescue of Jews from countries suffering civil unrest or at war. Five hundred Jews were recently flown out of Sarajevo, said Ben Tzur, 124 were brought out of Moldava, while 12,000 "are caught in the struggle" in Tajikistan and Georgia.

Both sessions followed a similar format.

First, a discussion of the components of a successful canvass using the AIED method: getting your prospect's Attention, catching his or her Interest; Evaluation of the situation, "when you can evaluate what sort of sum you can negotiate," and finally, Decision time.

The groups learned how to motivate people to give and how to persuade donors to increase their contribution, and while the men concentrated more on face-to-face canvassing — always the most effective — the women learned how to conduct a successful telephone canvass.

They were reminded that donors are entitled to information about where their money is going and that "people who give the same amount every year, must be made aware that their gift actually decreases."

Campaign chairman, CeCe Schreiber spoke briefly at both meetings, calling for "growth giving" and for people to "please be involved."

The women's division, she said, "is up, up and away" and overall increases so far "have exceeded expectations." This year's goal is $900,000 and already, she announced, "we have a $250,000 start."

Federation executive director, Claire Mandel, pronounced the training sessions as "probably the richest ever," adding later that the campaign is up by 20 percent so far.

"We're finding that most people are generous and digging a little deeper," she said and also, that they are beginning to understand the importance of UJA.

Also taking part in the women's session were Sandra Fuss, chairman and immediate past chairman, Stephanie MacLean.

At the Netivot HaTorah groundbreaking are (from left) Jonah Turk, building co-chairman; Moishe Kesten, president; Rabbi Avi Schochet, principal; Mrs. and Mr. Jack Weinbaum, groundbreakers; Jack Weinberg, building committee co-chairman; Avrom Silver, fundraising chairman and vice-president; Alan Steinfeld, business administrator.

Netivot HaTorah expands northward

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

THORNHILL —
When a group of concerned parents got together and planned a new Hebrew day school, they only dared to dream that it would develop into a flourishing, growing educational institute.

Now, 10 years later, the school has grown by leaps and bounds, and recently, Netivot HaTorah Hebrew Day School broke ground in Thornhill for phase one of its new school building.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, attended by hundreds of parents, students and teachers, Moishe Kesten, president of Netivot HaTorah, said that "it is a miracle that we stand here today. Ten years ago the idea of opening a new Hebrew day school was scoffed at and dismissed. People wanted to know where we would get the money, where we would get the professional leadership and how we would build the facilities. We had no assurances then, but we did have determination and the enrolment in the school grew and continues to grow."

He said that when a physical location was found for the school, these parents co-ordinated between cities, developers and other schools in order to be able to make the building a reality. "We formed a building committee who learned about reading plans and a fundraising committee who encouraged extra generosity. I extend thanks to all of you for helping this happen and I am making a further plea to help us complete the second phase of the building which will contain such things as the library and the gymnasium."

Lorna Jackson, mayor of the City of Vaughan said that a school of this sort is necessary to "help complete our community. The city tries to provide all the necessary facilities for the people but it is up to the community to provide the schools, synagogues and churches. I congratulate you on this groundbreaking ceremony and I welcome you to the community."

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director Jewish Board of Education, brought greetings from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Board of Education and said that "this is an occasion for the entire community — a moment of great celebration. We should all delight in this day."

Ann Feldman, president of the parents' association, said that "these parents had a special vision of education for their children and now they realize that their dream has become a reality. Parents are the strength, and children are the future."

Jack Weinbaum, guest of honor at the festivities and a major source behind the building of the school, made the ceremonial first dig. Other guests included Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of Bais Avraham Yoseph of Toronto who delivered the dvar Torah; Bernie Green councillor, Ward 3 and member of Parliament Maurice Bevilacqua.

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Metro police learn how to fight anti-Semitic crimes

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Over 50 of Metro's top cops sat riveted to their seats last week, listening to how anti-Semitic crimes hurt their victims.

The daubing of a swastika on a synagogue, a threatening telephone call or a pamphlet denying six million Jews were killed during World War II "is like rubbing salt into the wound" of a Holocaust survivor, Bernie Farber, national director of Canadian Jewish Congress's community relations committee, told a group of Metro's finest at the Charles O'Bick Police College in Scarborough.

The session on hate crimes and the Jewish community was part of ongoing efforts by CJC and B'nai Brith Canada to educate law enforcement officers on anti-Semitism and its impact.

While well-intentioned, many police officers often don't appreciate how much a racially-motivated crime can hurt its victims, Farber told the senior, mostly plain-clothed officers.

Farber recounted his own experiences with his father, a Holocaust survivor who had joined a partisan group in Poland. Farber was 22 years old when he discovered that his father, now deceased, had been married before the war and had a son. Both his first wife and son were killed in the camps.

"I sat in stunned silence listening [to the story]. Imagine finding out at 22 that you had another family."

Mainly, Farber used the session to trace Canada's history of dealing with anti-Semitism, starting with Ottawa's admission before and during the war of just 5,000 Jews from Europe. "By comparison, the Dominican Republic took in 6,000 Jews," he said.

In 1948, Britain distributed a memo to all Commonwealth countries, urging them not to prosecute Nazi war criminals who fled there after the war, Farber explained. That policy, he said, included Canada.

It was not until 1985 that the Deschenes Commission recommended the prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada. But Farber conceded the process is slow and often frustrating, having resulted so far in three charges but no convictions.

It was pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel "who put Canada on the map" as a "major" exporter of anti-Jewish and Holocaust denying propaganda, Farber said.

As a result, hate-mongers "are out in the open," and the "most dangerous" anti-Semitic group in North America, the Church of the Creator, has cells in Toronto.

Farber said the local far-right Heritage Front poses "less a problem" but should still be taken seriously. He said anti-Jewish agitators like Peel region teacher Paul Fromm, former Western Guard activists Don Andrews and John Ross Taylor and Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege are still in the forefront of the Jew-hating business.

Karen Mock, national director of BBC's League for Human Rights, told the officers that "great strides" in fighting anti-Semitism could not have been made in recent years without the vigilance of police.

She said hate propaganda is not an issue of free speech. "In Canada, it's against the law."

Even pre-war Germany had progressive laws against the promotion of hatred, she said.

Often, international events can trigger anti-Semitic incidents in Canada, she said, pointing out that even as Scud missiles were landing in Israel during the Gulf War, several Jewish buildings in Metro were defaced.

Last July 1 — Canada Day — three Metro synagogues were spray-painted with pro-Nazi slogans, Mock noted.

The League, which tallies an annual audit of anti-Semitic incidents, found that in 1991, the number of reported incidents in Canada was 251, up 19 percent over the year before. But she said there would not be a backlash of more hate group activity if there had been no progress made in fighting them.

The League promotes three major methods of combatting racism and bigotry, she pointed out: the legal/legislative route, intercultural dialogue and public education.

Canadian Jewish Congress's Bernie Farber and Karen Mock of B'nai Brith Canada flank Staff Inspector Douglas Reynolds, commander of the Charles O'Bick Police College.

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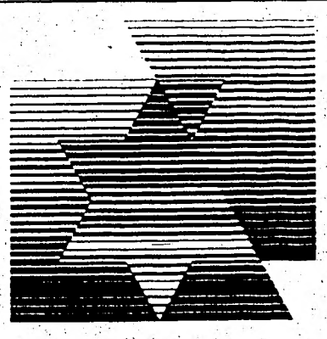

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By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Oct. 22, is deadline for Nov. 5 issue, and Thursday, Oct. 29, is deadline for Nov. 12 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, Oct. 22

ENDOMETRIOSIS NETWORK MEETING

A public meeting hosted by The Endometriosis Network of Toronto (TENT) takes place at 7 p.m. at Mount Sinai Hospital, 18th floor auditorium. Guest speakers are **Dr. Lanval Daly** of Doctors Hospital and **Dr. Richard Austin** of Scarborough General Hospital. For information, call 591-3963.

Friday, Oct. 23

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., in a happy musical hour. Program will feature Jewish, popular, dancing, and semi-classical music.

Sunday, Oct. 25

JEWISH STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Jewish Storytelling Arts presents Toronto's first Jewish Storytelling Festival with chassidic tales, Jewish folklore, stories of the Holocaust, **Sholom Aleichem, Peretz**, contemporary Jewish stories.

Two programs, 1 and 7:30 p.m., at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Tickets are $7 afternoon only (students $5); $10 evening only, and $15 both events. For tickets and information, call 483-3082.

FREE RECITAL

A free recital by solo trombonist **Carole Paul** takes place at 3 p.m. at the Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. Come and enjoy a varied program including works by **Leonard Bernstein, Alan Ridout** and **Telemann**. Call 694-7942 for more information.

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

The annual exhibition of the Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) will be held in the lobby of the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn how much and how many topics in philately are related to Israel and Judaica.

Admission is free and all are welcome. If you have any questions, call **Alvin Dickstein**, president, at 594-7887 or **Hartley Garshowitz**, vice-president, at 665-3555.

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE

Aviva branch of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, is holding a Tremendous, Gigantic Rummage Sale at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to sponsor services and projects in the community. Admission is free.

WOMEN POLITICIANS SPEAK OUT

North York women politicians speak out on their lives in politics and on issues affecting women at a public forum sponsored by North York chapter of the Older Women's Network at 1:30 p.m. at the new Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. (Bathurst-Lawrence). Guest speakers are **Elinor Caplan**, MPP (Liberal); **Barbara Greene**, MP (PC), and **Margery Ward**, MPP (NDP). Moderator is **Frances Chapkin**, former North York school trustee.

For more information, call Frances Chapkin at 221-9356 (leave a message) or 782-1681.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) meeting is set for 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. Speaker **Leonard Rubenstein**, a very youthful 75-years, will address the topic Take Charge of Your Life, a positive outlook for grandparents and seniors. Charge for non-members is $3.

Monday, Oct. 26

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic takes place from 2-8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call 974-9900.

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians will meet at Holy Blossom Temple at 7:30 p.m. Call in confidence to **Ruth** at 763-9111.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Nutrition and Weaning, a discussion on starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. The time is 8 p.m. at 55 Rosedale Heights, Thornhill. For further information, phone **Joyce** at 881-8779 or **Robin** at 886-8364 or **Karen** at 221-7002 or **Risa** at 738-8870.

SHA'ARON CHAPTER

Sha'aron Chapter, B'nai Brith Women, invites you to join in an evening of fun and have all your decorating needs answered. It all takes place at 8:15 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. For information, contact **Ceclie** at 665-9822.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

THE FAMILY SINGER

The University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program and the Israel and Sala Disenhouse Lecture Series present **Prof. Anita Norich**, Department of English and Judaic Studies Program, University of Michigan, who will lecture on The Family Singer: Autobiography and Fiction in I.B. Singer, I.J. Singer, and Esther Singer Kreitman at 8 p.m. at University College, Room UC 179, 15 King's College Circle.

MY FAMILY, MYSELF

My Family, Myself — Don't Blame Mother: Mending the Mother-Daughter Relationship is what guest speaker **Paula Caplan** will be discussing at the Beth Tikvah Sisterhood general meeting at 8 p.m. Dr. Caplan, a clinical and research psychologist, is professor of applied psychology at OISE. Everyone is welcome. Members $3, non-members $5.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL LECTURE

Pride of Israel Synagogue features **Harvey Silver**, an organizational psychologist and human resources management consultant, who will speak on Living With More Sanity and Serenity to Make Our Life Matter. The time is 8 p.m. All are welcome. Seating is limited. RSVP to 226-0111.

WOMEN'S MINYAN

University of Toronto students have formed a women's minyan which will be meeting at 7:30 a.m. at Jewish Students' Union, 604 Spadina Ave. Breakfast and discussion will follow.

SISTERHOOD OPENING MEETING

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood's opening luncheon meeting is set for 12:15 p.m. with a lively musical program starring singer/educator **Rachel Castriano** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Reservations are a must. Call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660.

NFJA MEETING

At the New Fraternal Jewish Association, **Marek Malicki**, who was a member of a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation to Israel, will speak on A Polish Canadian Looks at Israel. The time is 8 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre). The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

FALL FASHION SHOW

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is holding its Canada 125 Fall Fashion Show and Boutiques with fashions by Canadian designer **Linda Lindstrom**, sweaters and hats by **Isabella** and music by **Mandell**. Boutiques open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 8. There will be door prizes and admission is $15.

WOMEN ON THE MOVE

Women on the Move — Legal and Financial Tips on Investment Planning is the program topic at Leukemia Research Fund's general meeting at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Guest speakers are lawyer **Rhonda Drash** and **Joanne Mulligan**, Trimark Investment Management Inc. The public is invited. For information, call the LRF office at 638-8522.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study group will focus on Book of Kings I, Chapter VI, with **Dr. Arnold Clairman** at 8:15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

Northern Lights chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada's meeting, taking place at 8 p.m. in Newmarket, will feature a bazaar fundraising campaign with Avon, Tupperware and Regal, among the products available.

Northern Lights chapter, serving northern York region, including Newmarket, Aurora, Keswick and Bradford, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. For further information, call **Renee Flannery** at 853-5533.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

MISSIONARY TACTICS

The lecture series, What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries, presented by Jews for Judaism, continues with Missionary Tactics for Converting Jews at 8 p.m. at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. The cost per lecture is $5.

RACE RELATIONS IN TORONTO

Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group at Holy Blossom Temple is featuring a talk on Race Relations in Toronto by **Wilson Head**, a founding member of Urban Alliance on Race Relations. The group meets at noon. Bring your lunch. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served ($1 tea money). For information, call **Deborah** at 789-3291.

SEEK AND SUPPORT

Seek and Support, a support group for parents, family and friends of children with disabilities, will be meeting at 8:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., to discuss awareness, education, relief and many more issues. For information, call 883-4701.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jews escaping European persecution and poverty found Toronto a good haven. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada is presenting **Dina Nathanson**, a PhD candidate in the history department, University of Toronto, who will speak on Tracing Jewish Immigrants in Toronto, 1890-1935. The time is 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For details, call **Selma** at 223-0192.

SEPHARAD '92

Sepharad '92 continues at Holy Blossom Temple with the Eva and D. Lou Harris Memorial Lecture entitled Fear of Eretz Yisrael to be delivered by **A.B. Yehoshua**, professor of comparative literature at Haifa University and activist in the Israeli peace movement. The time is 8 p.m.

KIDS KAPERS

At Kids Kapers, presented by Tmicha chapter at the Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar, offers entertainment for kids 12 and under such as puppet shows, clown, carnival games, music, storytelling, arts and crafts and games. Snacks will be on sale. Entrance fee is $1. An adult must accompany a child.

YIDDISH COURSE

David Newman will begin the Yiddish Conversation I course at Temple Sinai from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, at 635-2883, ext. 155.

Thursday, Oct. 29

JVS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Jewish Vocational Service will be held at 4 p.m. at Baycrest Terrace, Assembly Room, 55 Ameer Ave. Special guest speaker will be **Jack Chisvin**, president, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

WOMEN'S LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Aish HaTorah's Women's Lunch and Learn series will feature **Edie Bench** of Edie Bench Personnel Consultants, speaking on My Life and Welcome To It — how to continually juggle family, career, and community involvement. The meeting will be hosted in a private home and the

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BONDS BREAKFAST

Israeli member of Knesset Ehud Olmert (second from left) spoke recently at a State of Israel Bonds breakfast on the topic Middle East Peace, Has It Gone Too Far?. Seen with him are State of Israel Bonds New Leadership members (from left) Brent Pearlman, Jeff Miller, and Dr. Carol Deitcher. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

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cost of the lecture and luncheon will be $8. Call 636-7530 for more information and to RSVP.

MUSIC, SONG AND STORY

The Jewish Experience Through Music, Song and Story, sponsored by the Jewish Artists Scholarship Society (JASS), features musical scholar **Zalmen Mlotek** of (*Those Were the Days*) with an array of artists including **Batsheva, Allan Merovitz** (Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band), **Gloria Valentine, Jenny Eisenstein, Faye Kellerstein, Bluma Schonbrun, Tex Konig, Honey Novick, Brian Katz, Leslie Robbins** and **Nathan Garnick**.

The time is 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Tickets are $7 (pick up at 7:30 p.m.) For information and tickets, call 889-4192.

And What Else Is New...

WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

At B'nai Brith Women of Toronto's 36th annual Covenant Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 1, **Gerda Freiberg** will be honored with the organization's coveted Woman of the Year Award as an outstanding Canadian woman who has made a contribution to humanity.

Frieberg was instrumental in bringing the Holocaust Memorial Centre to the Toronto community. A B'nai Brith Women member, she was recently elected chairman of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

ONE ON ONE

Are you interested in learning Hebrew reading, writing, speaking or Torah, Talmud, Jewish Philosophy, Code of the Jewish Law, Jewish Traditions, Jewish History, Mysticism of Torah, Prayer, or any Jewish topic of your choice? Get togethers are Monday and Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. starting Oct. 28 at the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto. Call **Rabbi Mendel Shubov** at 665-9600.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill is presenting Mid-Week ReJEWvination, a Wednesday morning educational minyan, breakfast and lecture by senior lecturer **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, starting Oct. 28, and continuing every Wednesday at NCSY Centre, 3524 Bathurst St., at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast and lecture at 7:45, and finished by 8:30. All men are invited. For further information, call **Michelle** or **Jillian** at 886-5730.

New business person luncheons offer the working person an hour break with a class and lunch. If you are interested in having an Ohr Somayach luncheon in your office (at no charge), contact **Rabbi Avram Rothman** at 886-5730 for information.

Rabbi Becher will give a class entitled Concave or Convex: Great Controversies in Jewish History every Sunday at 9 p.m., starting Oct. 25. The class is for men and women.

Rabbi Mordechai Cohen is offering a Brunch Time class for women entitled The Bracha Halacha Monday, Oct. 26, 10-11:30 a.m. Babysitting is available.

At the Women's Study Program monthly Rosh Chodesh luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 28, 12:45-3 p.m. at B'nai Torah Congregation, Rabbi Becher will speak on Rabbis, Rifles and Rice, and will offer insights into his experiences as a rabbi in the Israeli army. Reservations are required. Call **Jillian** or **Michelle** at 886-5730. Babysitting is available.

HISTORY OF JEWISH LABOR BUND

A public showing of a retrospective exhibit, History of the Jewish Labor Bund, with captions in Yiddish, English, French, Russian and Polish (also, continuous video narrated in English) is being held Oct. 25-30 at Workmen's Circle Auditorium, 471-3 Lawrence Ave. W., daily 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.

ART SALE

Toronto artist **Tutzi Seguin** is holding a special sale of art in many forms Oct. 24 and 25, 2-8 p.m. both days, at her studio, 43 Camberwell Rd. (Bathurst-Eglinton). Part of the proceeds will go to ORT, Red Cross and Older Womens Network. For information, call 783-0781.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following fall workshops— Parenting Adolescents (understanding your teens, realistic expectations, improving communication, discipline and appropriate consequences, begins Oct. 27); Looking Ahead (anger, guilt and lonliness, coping with changes, letting go of the past and looking forward to a new future, begins Nov. 3); One Marriage:Two Religions (for engaged couples from different religions, begins Nov. 2).

For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham is introducing Mommy & Me, for Jewish children 18-24 months and their mommies, Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. at Torah Tots School, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Session I runs Nov. 5-Dec. 10 and Session II from Jan. 14-Feb. 18. Registration fee is $10 per session. Call **Goldie** at 886-0420 now!

A four-week kosher cooking course on the art of traditional and contemporary Jewish Cooking for the '90s, begins Monday, Oct. 26, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of **Caroline Rosenblatt**, 4 Northumberland Terr. (off Huntington Park Drive). This is sponsored by JEWEL Ladies Club. Call 886-0420 for registration and location.

HEBREW CLASSES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, in conjunction with North York Board of Education, offers classes in Hebrew and Yiddish. Fee for the six-week fall sesssion is $25, seniors free. For information and registration, call 636-3544.

ADULT EDUCATION

Shaarei Shomayim 1992/93 adult education program includes— Mondays — Psalms of David with **Rabbi Mark Dratch** (10 a.m.); Talmud: Tractate Sanhedrin with **Rabbi Henry Hoschander** (8 p.m.); Jewish Ethics with **Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz** (8 p.m.); Tuesdays — Talmud: Tractate Makkot with **Rabbi Asher Turin** (10:30 a.m.); Likrat Shabbat with **Rabbi Elliott Diamond** (8 p.m.); Beth Midrash (9 p.m.); Wednesdays — Kosher Kitchen Laboratory with Rabbi Dratch (8:30 p.m.,starts Nov. 11); Thursdays — Problems in Maimonides' Philosophy with **Dr. Bezalel Safran** (8 p.m.); Shabbat — Parashat Hashavua with Rabbi Dratch (8 a.m.); before Mincha, Halacha and the World We Live In with Rabbi Dratch.

All classes begin Oct. 26, except as noted.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch is selling the '93 edition of Entertainment Books for $42.50 as well as the '93 edition of the Solid Gold Books at $42 (you receive the '92 edition free). Both books are being sold at the lottery booth, or call **Hedva** at 631-5661.

The JCC Bloor Y branch is offering a two-day self-defence workshop called Wen-Do on Sundays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is open to women only. The cost is $60 plus GST. Registration and payment must be made in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a dance Saturday, Oct. 24, 7-10 p.m.; the 13th anniversary dinner and dance Sunday, Oct. 25, 7-10:30 p.m.; the movie *Till the Clouds Roll By*, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m.; five-pin bowling for members starting soon; local day trips for members ($5). For information on all activities, call 636-7856.

The Good Age Club at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch presents entertainer **George Frank** Thursday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

LZA Senior Citizens Club takes Miami trip registration every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. The Chanukah party will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Centre with **Phil Gold** and his orchestra, refreshments and latkes. Discussion Group and Dance Group continue on Tuesdays.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to Florida for one or two months or whatever you want offers the choice of two hotels —Seabrook in Surfside for $1,830 which includes efficiency, airfare, deluxe medical, cancellation and much more, or the Marco Polo package with efficiency or non-efficiency. Everyone is welcome. Partners are available. A meeting is set for Sunday, Oct. 25, from 1-3 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Tessler Hall, 100 Elder St. For information, call **Helen** at 635-6343.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is holding a luncheon Monday, Oct. 26, at 12:30 p.m. at which a freilich Jewish film will be shown. The Lifeskills Discussion Group with **Harriet Sharkey** has resumed Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Upcoming trips are— Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion* Oct. 28; Israel, March 1-22 (reservations are being taken now); Florida trip at kosher hotels Saxony, Shore and Crown (details coming shortly). For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Mark special occasions through the Golden Book. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets at 7 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. The Oct. 21 program features the hit comedy film *Tzura Lanu* with superstar **Dudu Topaz**. Games and music are scheduled for Oct. 26. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

The Wagman Centre Tuesday evening program Oct. 27 presents a musical variety entitled *Love and Magic*. The time is 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus is going to Stage West to see *The Best Little Whore House in Texas* Nov. 25. Also, registration is being taken for the Florida trip leaving Jan. 12 for four, six, seven and eight weeks at the Colonial Inn. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Sunrise Group is going to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills Nov. 2-6; Miami for one or two months at the Casablanca, Lombardy or Sassoun hotels; New Year's in California Dec. 28-Jan. 7 featuring the Rose Bowl Parade; Egypt and cruise to Israel April 18-May 3. For information, call **Esther** at 932-2534 or **Many** at 633-7463.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

An Information Exposition is taking place Thursday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 25 agencies will have displays to provide information on services for seniors. This event is free and open to the community.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is holding Osteoporosis Information Day Tuesday, Oct. 27, with **Debbie Howe** from Women Against Osteoporosis. The time is 1:30-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Wellness Centre is offering Successful Slimming, a seven-week program in which nutritionist/dietician **Paula Ruch** will help you lose weight and advise you how not to regain it. The dates are Mondays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, from noon to 1 p.m. Register with **Sandra H.** at the Wellness Desk, 225-2112.

A new Elder Abuse Support Group called Working Together for Change will be starting Nov. 11. Call **Sandra Fujino** or **Sheila Zane** at 225-2112 to arrange for a confidential interview.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting Women in Art with **Edith Altschuler**, Art Gallery of Ontario docent, Monday, Oct. 25, at 1:30 p.m. Members no charge, non-members $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Oct. 28 meeting features singer **Jenny Eisenstein** and pianist **Michael Khinkis**. For information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

The movie *Crossing Delancy* will be screened Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

A musical afternoon with **Fern Dworkin** takes place Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 1:30. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

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ARTWORKS BY KARNY VORONA

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Karny Vorona

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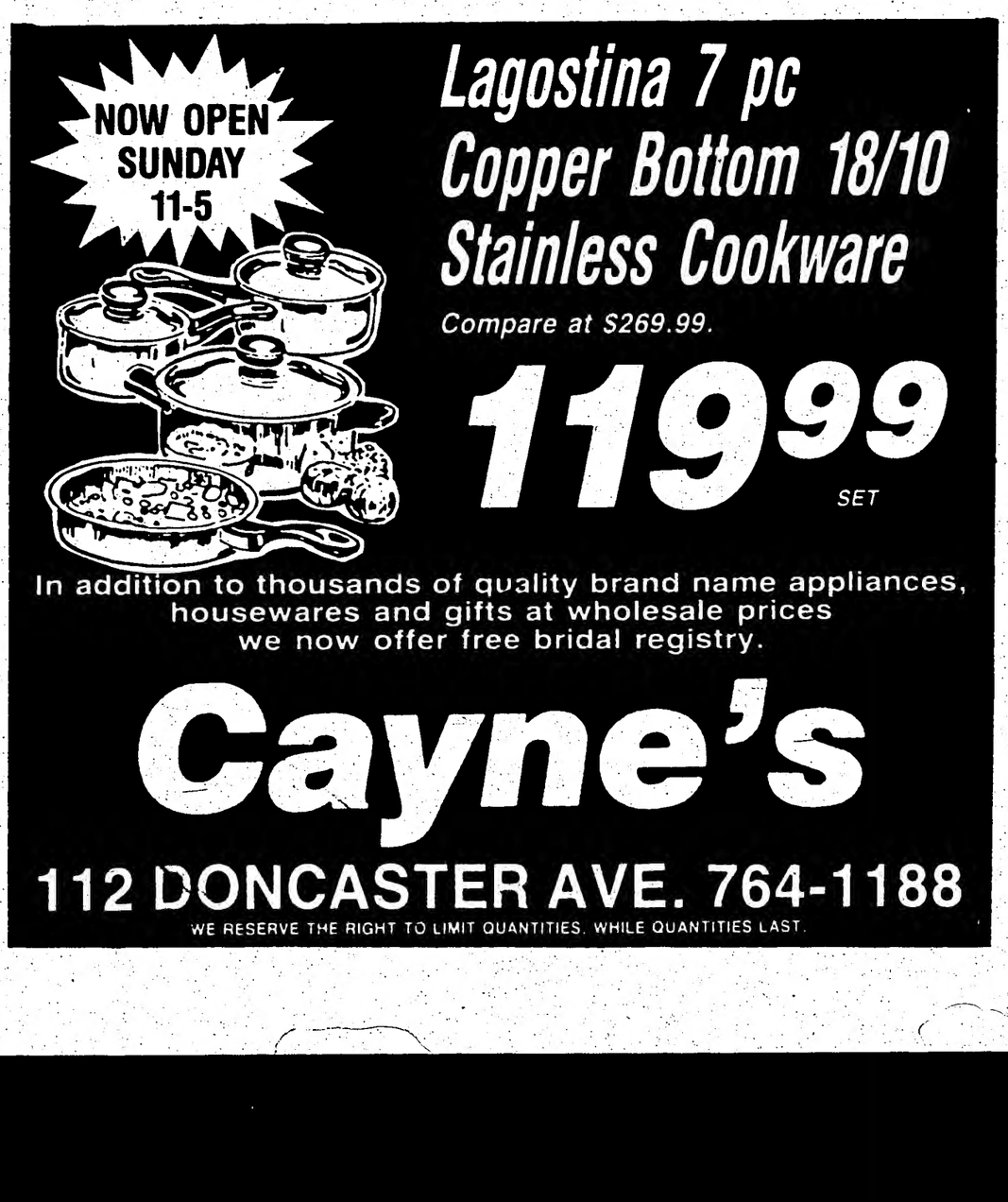

Organizations and People

MS patient's condition improves with new drug

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Aliza Goldstein (not her real name) executed a small pirouette in the living room of her Toronto home to demonstrate the happy result of the experimental drug she has been using since May to combat multiple sclerosis.

Thanks to COP-1, a synthetic combination of the amino-acids found in myelin (the protective nerve covering damaged by MS), Goldstein's energy, balance and co-ordination have improved dramatically.

COP-1 was developed at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel for use in treating the exacerbating-remitting form of MS. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries in Israel have bought the rights to the drug. Clinical trials are currently being conducted at about a dozen centres, including the Kupat Holim hospital in Kfar-Saba where Goldstein is enrolled in a study.

Goldstein first learned of COP-1 from a *CJN* article in January, at which time she had already found it necessary to leave her middle-management job because of her disability. "I could walk no more than 30 feet on my own," she says. "Now I can walk a mile." An observant Jew, she would like to be able to walk to her synagogue.

Goldstein's happiness is tempered by the fact that financial considerations may force her to withdraw from the clinical trials, which necessitate twice-yearly trips to Israel for monitoring and a six-month supply of COP-1.

The drug alone costs $3,840 (U.S.) for a half-year supply. Add to that the cost of clinical testing at $900 (U.S.), plus airfare and accommodation in Israel -- it becomes a prohibitive amount for someone on a disability pension, she told *The CJN*. (Although Goldstein's symptoms have noticeably diminished, she still suffers from daily bouts of fatigue — a common symptom of MS — which prevent her from returning to work).

After paying for her initial visit to Israel, Goldstein cannot afford to pay for repeat visits which she is supposed to continue for two years.

"COP-1 makes my symptoms less severe and less frequent. I am hoping to be able to go back to work," Goldstein told *The CJN*.

Goldstein is also hopeful that a cure for MS will be found some day. If COP-1 can enable her and other MS patients to live a normal or almost-normal life until that day, "to me it's worth everything," she said.

Goldstein must return to Israel by the middle of November if she is to continue being treated with COP-1.

The Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto has set up a fund to enable Goldstein to continue her treatment. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of $18 and over. Contributions should be sent to the following address, with cheques made out to Jewish Russian Community Centre, Attention: Bazia Venetskaia, 18 Rockford Rd., Willowdale, Ontario M2R 3V9.

Hospital's cancer research to benefit from gala Monte Carlo fundraiser

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Sports-loving 10-year-old Adam Balinsky died in November, 1990, of cancer. But he is by no means forgotten, not by his family, which is to be expected, but also by The Richmond Hill Country Club, where he spent a great many happy hours.

On Nov. 7, the country club is holding a gala monte carlo night, which will feature raffles, bingo, blackjack and rapid blackjack, lots of food, a silent and a regular auction and hours of fun.

The proceeds will be donated to oncology (cancer) research at the Hospital for Sick Children, in Adam's name.

"The club members felt that they wanted to give back something to the community, and this was one way to do it, said club spokesman Rose Shapiro.

This is the second year that the proceeds of the monte carlo night are being used in this way.

Last year, explained Adam's father, Dr. Bernie Balinsky, the money went to the pain management program.

Portable pumps were purchased, which provide a continuous dose of pain-killing drugs. As well, he explained, if breakthrough pain begins, the patient can push a button to get an extra dose.

Not only is it a more efficient way of providing relief from the pain of cancer, burns and surgery, but, being portable, it allows the patient freedom of movement. Adam, for instance, who used one of these machines, was able to be at home for the last few months of his life.

This year, Balinsky said, the money will go towards a research project, headed by Dr. Helen Chan and her associates, to increase the efficiency and longevity of chemotherapy.

Chemotherapy, Balinsky explained, often works for only a certain time, then, for reasons which are unclear, stops being effective.

Adam Balinsky

Chan and her co-workers have had good results combining chemotherapy medication with other drugs to stop this from happening. The study is, however, in danger of folding because of the shortage of funds. Hence, when Balinsky approached the hospital to see what was needed, that study was suggested.

The Richmond Hill Country Club was part of the family's life, even when Adam was sick, Balinsky said. Adam was active in the tennis and swimming programs, as well as other children's programming, and loved to watch sports even when he could no longer participate himself. The club, he said, proposed to him that last year's, and then this year's monte carlo be used to raise funds in Adam's name. The family agreed.

His wife, Aylene, and daughter Jodi, are actively involved with the event. Both parents are on the committee, helping organize, collecting prizes and selling tickets, and all of them work at the event wherever they are needed.

The club is incredibly generous, Balinsky said. After necessary expenses, all the proceeds go to the hospital — even the use of the club is donated, as well as staff time in organizing and administering the event.

Dinner is available for $5 starting at 6:00 p.m., and all the food has been donated by local merchants. Deli, Chinese, Greek and Italian foods are available, as well as a salad bar. The $25 entry fee includes free dessert and $5 in chips.

Some of the special things being auctioned off are the use of two skyboxes at Skydome, sports memorabilia, a puppy and a home alarm system.

Last year, the evening raised $50,000, and the organizers hope to at least match that.

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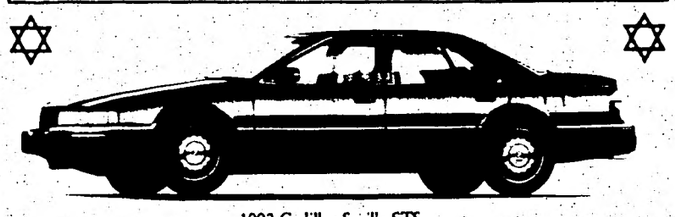
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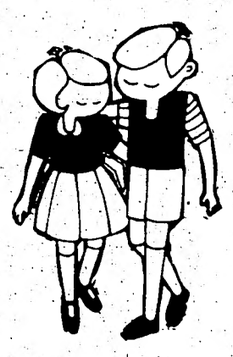
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Hamilton lawyer Tick named Bonds-B'nai Brith honoree

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Hamilton lawyer, Stanley Tick, has been named honoree of this year's State of Israel Bonds-Hamilton B'nai Brith annual gala breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

A specialist in civil litigation, Tick has been practising law in Hamilton for close to 30 years. He has served as a narcotics prosecutor for the regional municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth and from 1980 to 1984, he was the senior prosecutor. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1981.

A deeply committed member of the Jewish community, Tick is a former president of Hamilton Lodge B'nai Brith, and of the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

He served as chairman of the 1979 United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign in 1979 and in 1987. He took on the presidency of the Hamilton Jewish National Fund, serving a further two years as JNF chairman from 1989 to 1991.

In recent years, Tick has devoted himself to the establishment of Beth Tikvah, a home for developmentally handicapped Jewish adults, which opened about a year-and-a-half ago.

Stanley Tick

He is currently chairman of the Beth Tikvah committee.

Tick and his wife, Liz, are both active supporters of State of Israel Bonds. In addition to serving on the board of Hamilton Israel Bonds, he has also served as spokesman for Bonds, delivering the annual Kol Nidrei appeal at Temple Anshe Sholom.

Equally active in the community, his wife Liz was last year's Bonds Women's Division honoree.

The couple have three children, Jackie, married to Kevin Barwin, and sons Howie and Robbie.

Guest speaker at the breakfast will be Glenn Stein, who was involved in the airlift of 15,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

As field director for the American Association for Ethiopian Jewry, Stein was responsible for coordinating relief efforts for over 18,000 Jews in Addis Ababa. This included overseeing provision of food and shelter, as well as arranging a program to employ Ethiopian women and children in their native art of basket weaving.

Geoff Burman, Hamilton Lodge, and his father, David Burman, Viceroy Reading Lodge, will serve as breakfast co-chairman.

Couvert is $12.00 per person and tickets can be obtained by calling the Hamilton Bonds office at 416-528-8639.

UJA B&P division to celebrate 10 years

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

After 10 years, the Business and Professional Women's Network of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus (B & P) has carved a niche for itself.

In tribute to the 11 women who founded the division, a celebratory dinner is being held next Tuesday, October 27, at Adath Israel Congregation.

In keeping with the theme of the evening, keynote speaker Linda Silver Dranoff, lawyer, author and columnist, will speak on Ten Years Later: The Status of Women in 1992.

B & P has grown to several hundred members in the past decade, but "our goals are still the same," says Roz Lofsky, a high school English teacher who is co-chairman of the division along with dermatologist Charlene Linzon. "We're basically a fund-raising group, with [outreach and educational] programs that appeal to professional women."

Fund-raising in B & P has also involved consciousness-raising over the years, says Lofsky. Some women feel that if their husbands donate, that is enough, she explained. "We want women to make their voice count, and [we encourage them] to give in their own name," she said.

B & P began as an offshoot of UJA's women's division to meet the needs of professional women who couldn't attend daytime meetings and were anxious to see more opportunities for leadership development for women.

Programming initially revolved around leadership training and networking, recalls founding member Trudy Shecter.

Although there was some initial resistance to the division, the support shown by UJA was "one of the key reasons we were successful early on," says Shecter. "UJA did not push us to do fundraising at first. We spent our first year on programming and recruiting people. It helped to know they didn't just want us for our money; they wanted us for our commitment. I think that was very wise, and it paid off."

The 11 founders of B & P being honored at the dinner are Annette Bearg, Gay Berger, Cynthia Chazan, Linda Kahn, Bruria Lindenberg, Glennie Lindenberg, Helen Redner, Gella Rothstein, Shecter, Elaine Todres and Elizabeth Wolfe.

For further information about the dinner, call Judith at 635-2883, ext. 174.

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At a recent meeting in the office of Ontario Attorney-General Howard Hampton (centre), Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region officials communicated "the very serious concerns" of the Jewish community over the continued propagation of hate propaganda by Ernst Zundel. With CJC regional chairman Gerda Frieberg (left) is (from left) Manuel Prutschi, Ontario region executive director; lawyer Joel Richler, a member of the legal affairs committee; and joint community relations chairman David Satok. [Graphic Artists photo]

Israeli quartet thrives in growing Netanya

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Three years ago the quiet Israeli seaside resort of Netanya, perched high on a cliff above the Mediterranean, had a permanent population of 130,000. Today, with the influx of 30,000 Russians plus 1,000 Ethiopians, the number has swollen to over 160,000.

How does one small city cope?

"The story of Natanya is really the story of its citizens," insist Hannah and Marcus Gell, who were visiting recently in Toronto. Originally from South Africa, they made aliyah in 1969 and now live in Netanya.

"So many of us wanted to reach out, to let the newcomers know how much we care," Hannah says.

Officialdom, in the form of the Jewish Agency, provided the immigrants with a lump sum for food and accommodation and commandeered several hotels to serve as absorption centres. Each family was alloted one room with private bath. Shared cooking facilities, very basic, were located down the hall. For this the rent was $350 per month, payable to the hotel management out of the Jewish Agency allowance.

The Agency also established a centre for language instruction, general assistance and some job leads.

"From that point, the immigrants were on their own," Marcus says. It was here that the towns people stepped in.

Among the associations involved were Telfed Netanya in Aid of Absorption of Olim (South African residents); AACI, Americans and Canadians in Israel; Netanya Willing Hands (an English-speaking group which expanded its usual role of helping the needy to embrace the Russians and Ethiopians); synagogue congregations; Hadassah' and the Committee for Ethiopian Jewry.

Separately and together, they welcomed the olim and undertook responsibility for helping them.

Families were "adopted"; a store where good clothing and furniture (donated) could be purchased at a nominal price, was manned by volunteers in space made available by a supermarket owner; an Orthodox congregation offered meals at minimal cost; a weekly tea with entertainment for seniors was arranged; there were gift parcels for the holidays; transportation to and from hospital was provided when boys of any age had their brit mila; people were taken shopping and accompanied to the bank; nervous youngsters, facing their first day at school in a strange country, were given bags and pencil cases to ease the transition. And, as the Russians and Ethiopians began to search for outside accommodation, volunteers were on hand to help find apartments. Practical job assistance was offered too.

"Only a handfull of immigrants remain in the hotels," Hannah notes. Admittedly, those who have moved out, frequently live in crowded conditions, but the first step has been taken. And the volunteers continue to be there for them.

One day, when a member of the South African group was delivering Yom Tov parcels in an apartment building, she heard classical music coming from a ground floor unit. She knocked on the door and a woman holding a violin looked out. This was Louisa Galinsky, former director of a conservatory in Kishinev. Together with her son Leon, a violist, sister Bella and brother-in-law Alex Shulman, both violinists, she had formed a quartet and the four were rehearsing.

Impressed by the calibre of the music, the volunteer, who had come only to deliver a package for the holiday, went to work and organized a series of performances at the local hotels, for the quartet. When she discovered that Louisa was also the guiding light behind a 30-piece orchestra featuring talented Russian professionals, she plunged in again, to assist in planning a concert at the recently completed amphitheatre on the waterfront.

The performances have been enthusiastically received and both quartet and orchestra are earning recognition. "It's still a struggle for survival," Hannah says, "but already these musicians have an opportunity to work and contribute to their new country."

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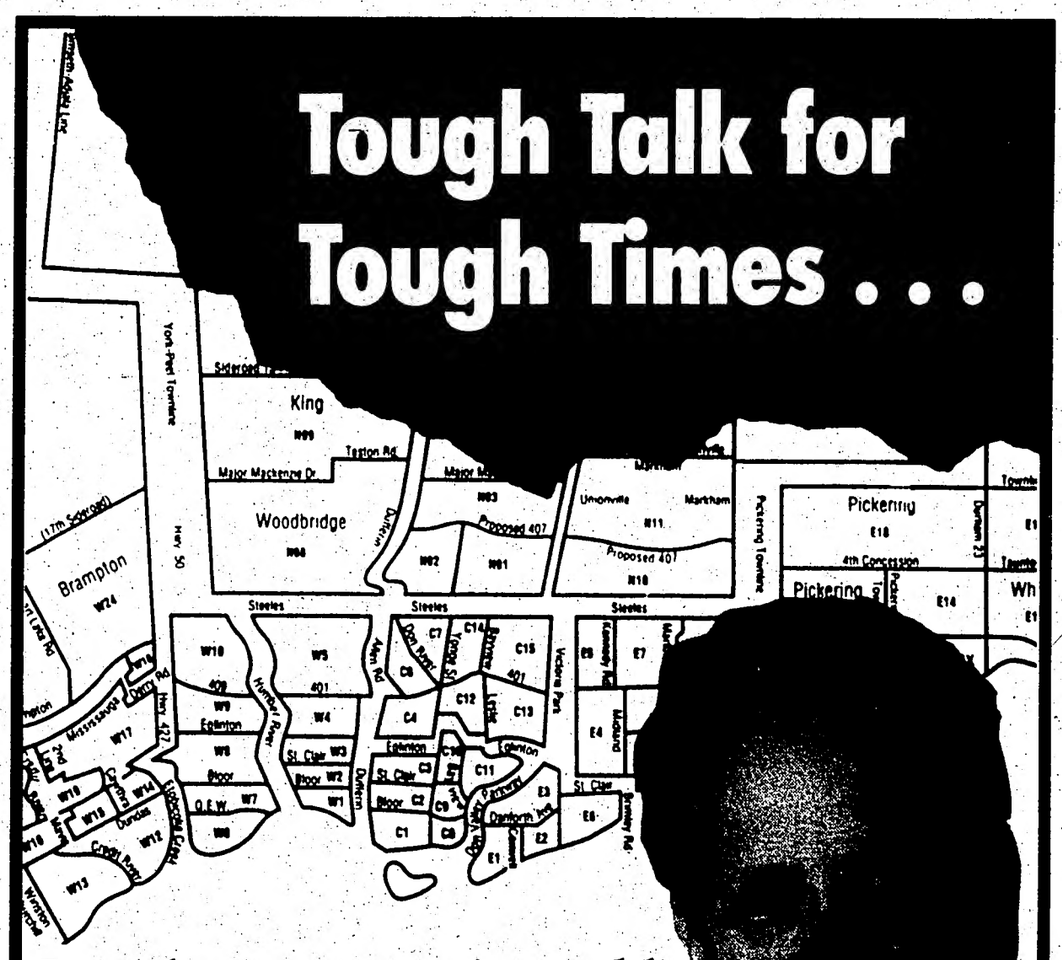

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UNICEF keeps ties to Israel

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When singing trio Sharon, Lois and Bram were approached by UNICEF Canada several years ago to be goodwill ambassadors for an October campaign their first concern was UNICEF's relationship with Israel.

"We had heard that some people thought UNICEF may be anti-Israel but we researched the matter thoroughly and discovered that UNICEF and Israel have a positive, on-going relationship. Our concerns were put to rest and not only did we take on that October campaign, we have since become its national goodwill ambassadors," says Bram Morrison.

Among UNICEF's major goals in developing countries is the reduction of under-five child mortality rates; reduction of material mortality rates; reduction of severe and moderate malnutrition among children; universal access to safe drinking water; universal access to basic education; reduction of adult illiteracy; and protection of children in difficult circumstances, particularly in situations of armed conflict.

Morrison says that when the trio took a 10-day trip to Bolivia, about three years ago, to see UNICEF at work they "were astonished at the understanding and depth of help that UNICEF has provided both directly and indirectly to the people of that country. UNICEF workers did work themselves and they backed up any agency that was doing valuable work. UNICEF helps people help themselves and helps other agencies to help people. It does whatever it takes to get the job done."

Harry Black, executive director, UNICEF Canada says that Israel is not only aware of UNICEF's work, it is a strong supporter and in 1990 alone contributed about $50,000. "From 1948 to 1966, Israel received UNICEF assistance for such things as emergency aid, child nutrition and maternal and child health services. Then we were informed that the country's services for children had reached a sufficiently high standard that it no longer required UNICEF's financial aid. It continued a close relationship with UNICEF, however, as a donor nation."

In a pamphlet put out by the Israeli national committee for UNICEF, Zena Harman, former chairman of the committee and a former Knesset member said that "North American Jews are mistakenly linking United Nations' voting toward Israel with the humanitarian endeavors of UNICEF. In Israel we understand the difference between the United Nations and UNICEF. The media have shows about UNICEF and there is information about UNICEF in our schools. UNICEF is only concerned with the needs of children around the world. Politics are irrelevant. Jewish leaders have falsely advised their followers not to support UNICEF because it is anti-Israel. That is absolutely wrong. UNICEF has always been supportive of the state of Israel."

The pamphlet says that among UNICEF's work in Israel, it played a vital part in building up material and child health services and in reducing infant mortality from 51.7 per 1,000 live births in 1949 to approximately 15 per live births in recent years. Since 1968 UNICEF has been collaborating on a joint long-term project at the Israel Institute of Technology that aims to develop high protein formula for new weaning foods based upon oilseeds. It is currently working with the Israeli government in a number of fields from research on high-protein foods to outreach projects for orphaned children.

Jacqueline Bradshaw, provincial director, UNICEF Canada says that UNICEF is disturbed that "some people are sincerely misinformed about supporting UNICEF because of what they think is its negative relationship with Israel. We are very concerned with how we are perceived by a community that is among the most understanding in the care of children."

She adds that Hadassah-WIZO has been a strong supporter of UNICEF and has run many greeting card booths to raise funds for the agency.

Morrison points out that UNICEF is a child of the United Nations but is not funded or run by that body. "UNICEF is dependant on the contributions of governments, individuals and fundraising programs. Its links to the United Nations are now very tenuous. UNICEF's goal is to help children and mothers and to that end, all countries have left politics outside their door."

Stulberg to mark 100 years

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"It feels wonderful," says Mary Stulberg with a smile, when asked what it's like to be turning 100. Stulberg, who has 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, will celebrate her birthday this weekend with about 50 family members. Her party will be held at the Baycrest Centre, where she has been a resident for about five years.

Mary Stulberg

Born in Slippya, Poland, in 1892, Stulberg immigrated to Toronto alone at the age of 16. Her father and stepmother had already made the move. "It was very bad in Europe," Stulberg says simply.

Stulberg doesn't remember much about her mother, who died at a young age. As a girl, she lived with her grandparents, who ran an inn, and received no formal education. It wasn't until after she immigrated that she learned to read and write English by attending night school. "She was a good student," her son Gordon (Gimpy) told *The CJN*.

As a new immigrant, Stulberg boarded with a Jewish family in the dairy business, and worked for her room and board. "They treated me very nice," she recalls. It was through them that she met her husband, Louis (Laibish), whom she married within a year of immigrating. Their wedding took place at the D'Arcy Street Talmud Torah, where Stulberg's father, Lazer Klyman, later served as gabbai. The marriage lasted 65 years, until Laibish's death 19 years ago.

Laibish delivered bread in a horse and wagon for Imperial Bakery, which he later co-owned for several years. The young couple lived in a rented room, because they couldn't afford a flat, recalls Stulberg.

Eventually Laibish prospered, and the couple bought a house on Oxford Street in the Spadina/College area, where they raised their five children: Nora (Sokoloff), Rose (Zinberg), Sue (who died tragically of a brain tumor at the age of 21), Gimpy and Irene (Goodman).

Life as a young mother was very different in her day, recalls Stulberg. She remembers polishing the black surface of her wood-burning coal stove to get it clean.

"It was a nice stove," she says. "I had a man chop the wood for me. I used to put in the wood, then put coals on top of the wood, then put newspaper in, and light it with a match. I used to light the stove every day it was cold.

"In summer we didn't light that stove at all. We had a small stove that stood on a big stand [for summer]."

Her family still talks about the apple pies, poppyseed cookies, and potatonik (a type of potato pudding) that Stulberg used to make. "On Fridays there was always a good smell in the house," recalls Gimpy.

Stulberg made sure her children knew the value of keeping a clean house, along with the importance of being "good, nice people." She set a personal example with her good attitude, says her son. "She has never criticized. She gets along with everybody."

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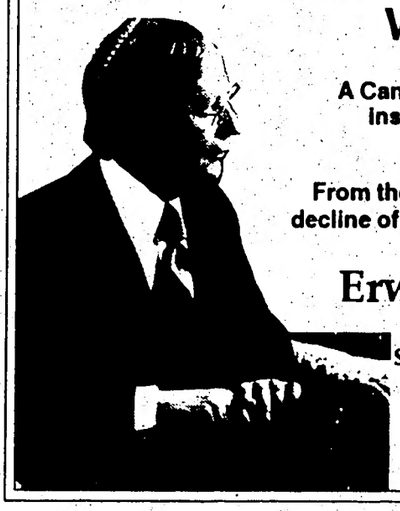

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Foreword by IRVING ABELLA

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Organizations and People

Jewish archives officially changes name

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish Congress/Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region Archives has officially changed its name to the Ontario Jewish Archives.

The archives, established in 1973, is responsible for the collection and presentation of material recording the history of the Jews in Ontario. It is housed at 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale.

The name change comes about in the wake of last year's name change for Toronto Jewish Congress (TJC), which became the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"Since TJC changed its name, a new name incorporating both it and Canadian Jewish Congress would be impossibly cumbersome," says archives chairman Cyrel Troster. "The new name became effective Oct. 1."

Since 1986, the archives has been recognized by the federal government as a designated institution under the Cultural Properties Export Act as the Ontario Jewish Archives Foundation, explains archives director Dr. Stephen Speisman. This means that the archives can offer an tax benefit for gifts of major collections.

For more information, contact Speisman at 635-2883, ext. 170.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past two years, federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have consulted with thousands of Canadians and concerned groups from coast to coast. These consultations included Royal Commissions, participatory conferences, parliamentary hearings, and hearings in the provinces and territories held by provincial and territorial legislatures. Federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have agreed unanimously on August 28, 1992 in Charlottetown on a package of constitutional proposals that recognizes the equality of all Canadians and represents all of our interests. The agreement is now before Canadians.

A Social and Economic Union

The agreement proposes that the new Constitution would contain a statement of key economic and social objectives shared by all of the governments in the federation. The objectives include comprehensive, universal, portable, accessible and publicly administered health care, adequate social services and benefits, high quality primary and secondary education and reasonable access to post-secondary education, collective bargaining rights and a commitment to protecting the environment. The economic policy objectives to be entrenched would be aimed at strengthening the Canadian economic union; the free movement of persons, goods, services, and capital; ensuring full employment and a reasonable standard of living for all Canadians; ensuring sustainable and equitable development.

Avoiding Overlap and Duplication

Exclusive provincial jurisdiction would be recognized in the areas of forestry, mining, tourism, housing, recreation, municipal affairs, cultural matters within the province, and labour market development and training. In addition, to ensure the two levels of government work in harmony, the government of Canada commits to negotiating agreements with the provinces in areas such as immigration, regional development and telecommunications. Federal-provincial agreements on any subject could be protected by the Constitution from unilateral change.

Distinct Society

The new Canadian Constitution would recognize the distinct nature of Quebec, based on its French language, unique culture and civil law tradition.

In the reformed Parliament, the Senate would reflect the equality of the provinces while the House of Commons would be based more on the principle of representation by population. As well, various provinces would be assured a minimum amount of seats in the House of Commons.

Parliamentary Reform

The proposed Senate would be made up of six elected senators from each province and one from each territory. Additional seats would provide representation for Aboriginal peoples. The reformed Senate's powers should significantly increase the role of the elected Senators in the policy process.

The proposals recognize that Aboriginal peoples have an inherent right to self-government and that the Constitution should enable them to develop self-government arrangements and to take their place in the Canadian federation. The proposals recognize Aboriginal governments as one of the three constitutionally recognized orders of government in Canada. In addition, the proposals provide for a negotiation process between Aboriginal leaders and provincial and federal governments to put this right into effect. The recognition of the inherent right would not create any new rights to land, nor dilute existing treaty rights.

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Israeli ambassador Shelef helps dedicate Hamilton JCC

By MOURA WOLPERT

ANCASTER —

"Looks like there's about 1,000 people in there," reckoned one enthusiastic guest as he tried to push his way through the tightly packed crowd spilling out of the JCC lounge.

Although about 400 was probably nearer the mark, it was undoubtedly the JCC's most successful party in years. Members and friends gathered for the dedication of the refurbished building and to celebrate the completion of phase one of the conversion of the former racquet club to a Jewish community centre.

Credit for the evening's success went to co-chairmen, Suki Berman and Cindy Mark, who were presented with bouquets by executive director Neil Silvert.

Guest of honor, Israel's ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef was impressed.

"I like to spend time in small communities but looking about me," he told the crowd "I see that Hamilton is not such a small community."

He had been surprised to learn that the Hamilton JCC is about 100 years old.

"Bearing in mind that Canada is only 125 years old, it does indicate the dedication of your forefathers, and your dedication, because I know exactly," he went on, "how difficult it is to maintain a JCC."

The ambassador's keynote address dealt with the "special kinship" between Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora and the "metaphysical bond" between them that has existed through every stage of Jewish history.

"The return into history of the so-called Jewish State has altered the lives of the Jews in the Diaspora as surely," said Shelef, "as the Jews in the Diaspora have helped ease some of the pressures of which there are so many in Israel."

Greetings were brought by Ancaster mayor, Bob Wade; the mayor of Dundas, John Addison and Mayor Bob Morrow of Hamilton, as well as by Wentworth North MPP, Dan Abel, NDP; Hamilton-Wentworth MP, Geoff Scott, PC; and Hamilton West MP, Stan Keyes, Lib.

JCC president, Sandy Silver, was elated. The evening, she declared, "was the realization of a dream."

There were times during her presidency, she confessed "when an evening like this seemed totally out of the question. But we struggled, we worked hard, we got people to give of their time and effort — and we brought off an evening like this!"

Building campaign committee co-chairman, Larry Szpirglas, thanked community leaders for their support, in particular Marvin Goldblatt, who provided "the impetus and motivating force," and Herb Schreiber, without whose vision "we wouldn't be sitting here."

The building, Szpirglas announced, would henceforth be known as the Goldblatt Family Building.

Looking to the future, refurbishing committee chairman and past president, Mel Gunn, mentioned that besides a pool, indoor gym complex, additional offices and meeting rooms, lounges for seniors and handicapped facilities, plans for phase two include development of the adjoining 33 acres into a community recreational area.

All of which, Gunn continued, "must be done in concert with the region, with the town of Ancaster, with the Conservation Authority, with the Niagara Escarpment Commission and very importantly, with our neighbors."

Honorary chairman of the building fund campaign committee, Marvin Goldblatt, presented the Founder's Wall, composed of bricks bearing plaques of donors, who later received replicas of the bricks.

Mezuzot were affixed by Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob congregation, Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Sholom and Rabbi Zalman Itkin.

Feldman wins

TORONTO —

Mike Feldman won last week's byelection in North York's ward 7 and will complete the term of former councillor Irving Chapley.

The final tally was: Feldman, 2,833 votes; David Chapley, 2,366; Jack Bedder, 959; Shalom Schachter; 918 and Tibor Martinek, 190.

Kollel Esh Dat to award degrees

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Twelve former honorees will be awarded honorary degrees at this year's annual Kollel Esh Dat dinner.

The dinner will be held Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue, 167 Overbrook Pl.

Kollel Esh Dat is an institution of higher learning located in Tel Aviv. It is named for Rabbi Moshe Yechiel Epstein, called both the Ozerover rav and the Ozerover rebbe, who wrote extensively on Torah subjects, especially on Chumash, ethical concepts and Navi'im (Prophets).

Founder and current head of the yeshivah is Rabbi Tanchum Becker, the present Ozerover, and son-in-law of Toronto's Rabbi Moshe Burak.

The degrees will be conferred by Rabbi Laibish Becker, brother of Rabbi Tanchum Becker, who represents Kollel Esh Dat in the United States.

As well, Sally and Harry Gallinger and Ruth and Sid Ross, who Rabbi Burak describes as "tireless workers for Kollel Esh Dat," will receive Pillars of the Kollel Awards.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Mark Dratch, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

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Organizations and People

Network students conference deals with intermarriage

By ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD

TORONTO —

Susan Jackson of the Ontario region Canadian Jewish Congress addressed the delegation of Network's Central region convention on the controversial issue of interfaith relationships.

The convention took place Oct. 2-4 at the Maple Lake Resort near Parry Sound. Participants came from across Ontario including Queen's University, the University of Western Ontario and Ryerson.

Although the main focus of the weekend getaway was Israel, Jackson led a special program and discussion on interfaith dating and intermarriage Saturday night. The student's reactions differed, depending on their backgrounds, beliefs and communities. Those who came from small communities such as Guelph and Waterloo sympathized far more with the plight of young Jews dating at both the high school and university levels.

"I'm from Guelph, and the only other Jew my age when I was growing up was my brother," said Talia Klein, now a student at York University and Network's Central region chairman. She added that during the sixteen years of her life in Guelph, Susan Jackson, outreach worker, was her "lifeline to the Jewish community."

Small groups

The program went on with the 50 students dividing into smaller groups. Each group had to offer a solution to a problem relating to either interdating or intermarriage. For the most part, the consequence of both appeared too severe to even deal with. Therefore, most groups offered the solution of simply not interdating or intermarrying. However, the voices of the small community residents arose, saying it is not the solution for everyone.

Some of the problems the students foresaw in the wake of intermarriage included dealing with how the children will be brought up, satisfying all the in-laws' wishes , coping with a death in the family and determining the children's education.

"Intermarriage often results from a lack of Jewish education," commented Sandra Aaron, president of the Ryerson Jewish Students' Council. "And the only possible result can be the gradual decline of the Jewish people."

Intermarriage — When Love Meets Tradition, a half-hour film, was viewed at the end of the program and discussion. The film, which showed actual interfaith couples in group counselling, left the viewers with mixed feelings. For many delegates, the film only reinforced their beliefs of marrying within the faith.

B'nai Brith Women to fete community leader Frieberg

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Women of Toronto will honor Gerda Frieberg, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, with its Woman of the Year award when it gathers for its annual covenant breakfast on Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Richmond Hill Country Club.

Frieberg, a member of BBW of Toronto for over 30 years, has held many leadership positions in the organization and is a past president of BBW Council of Toronto. She has demonstrated her commitment to the Jewish community through her involvement in all facets of Jewish life.

Gerda Frieberg

Among the many positions she has held are president of the Jewish Women's Federation, organizer of Women for Soviet Jewry in 1971 and chairman of the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

Frieberg is a Holocaust survivor who took up residence in Toronto in 1963. Since then she has dedicated herself to preserve the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. She is the founding chairman of the Toronto Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre. During the past 20 years she has addressed thousands of students in high schools throughout Ontario on the Holocaust and has lectured across the country on Yom Hashoah.

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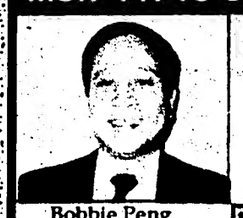

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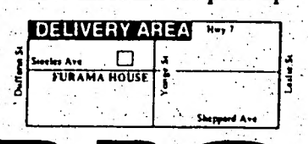

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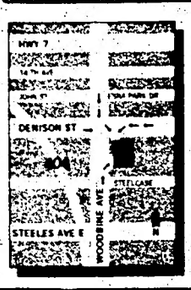

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Sports card collectors' exhibit to highlight Jewish athletes

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

It's been suggested, both in seriousness as well as in jest, that the world's smallest book just might be the one listing great Jewish athletes.

Not.

Where that fallacious idea took hold remains a mystery. Certainly if you peruse the carefully-collected and lovingly-maintained binders belonging to Irwin Pinsky and Harold Alter, you can't help but be impressed at the sheer number of Jewish athletes who've made a mark in a wide variety of professional sports.

Pinsky and Alter are collectors of sports cards, the kind that used to come with sticks of fragrant pink chewing gum. Nothing unusual in that, except that the theme they've pursued in collating their collections is that of noteworthy Jewish athletes. Between the two of them, they've got hordes of baseball heroes, a bountiful number of basketball players, a few gridiron greats and a sprinkling of hockey stars.

Alter, the older of the two, has gone a step farther and added card series on Jewish entertainers, mobsters and even biblical heroes (yes, there is a series on that theme). All that's missing are cards from that series on great rabbinic redactors. [Imagine: trade 'ya a Rabbi Gamliel for a Rabbi Yosef and two Rabbi Gedaliahs.]

Alter's and Pinsky's cards show that Jewish athletes have been around since Moses was a boy. Pinsky points to a 1961 reissue of a 1903 card of Johnny Kling, whose real name was Klein but who changed it because in those days, "it was expedient not to show your name was Jewish," Pinsky said.

Despite the early date of Kling's career, he wasn't the first Jew to play the great American pastime, Pinsky and Alter note. That honor goes to Lipman Pike, who in 1887 was not only the first Jew to play in the majors but also the first person to make baseball a full-time occupation, Pinsky said.

Another early issue is an original card, circa 1926, of Andy Cohen, a member of the New York Giants.

A card of Morris (Moe) Berg prompts further explanation from Pinsky. Not only was Berg a solid baseball performer, but he spoke 14 languages and during World War II was recruited to spy for the OSS, the forerunner of the CIA.

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Other early Jewish baseball pioneers include George Stone, who pitched for the St. Louis Americans from 1903-10. Pinsky has the original card for him.

Goodwin "Goody" Rosen is a familiar name to many Torontonians, since the home-grown boy made good by catching on with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1937 season. He hit .285 in 160 games.

Greenberg greatest hitter

Of course, no collection of great Jewish baseball players would be complete without Hank Greenberg, the greatest Jewish hitter of them all. Greenberg, who died in 1987, can be mentioned in the same breath as the great Babe Ruth, since in 1938 he came within two homers of the Bambino's record of 60 in one season. Perhaps some better pitches from the league's hurlers, who seem to have made a point of denying the Jewish star decent hitting opportunities at the end of the season, might have led to a new record holder, Alter and Pinsky suggest.

Pinsky's and Alter's collections — there's much duplication — include Al Rosen, an MVP in 1952 with Cleveland Indians, the great Dodger pitcher Sandy Koufax, Chicago Cub Mike Drabowsky, Joe Ginsberg, Danny Kravitz, Ed Mayer and the 1960 card of Norm and Larry Sherry, who played together briefly for the Dodgers.

Of more recent vintage are cards of Eddie Zosky, currently in the Blue Jays system, and a 1992 card of Blue Jays' first round draft choice, Shawn Green, who is forecast as being a potential .300 hitter.

On the hockey front, Pinsky's collection features the first Jew (as far as anyone can tell) to play in the NHL — Sammy Rothschild, who suited up for the Montreal Maroons in 1924. That's a very rare card, he notes, since its manufacturer, Maple Crispette, used to give free skates to all the kids who turned in a full set.

Former Maple Leaf great Alex Levinsky, who was on the first Toronto team to win the Stanley Cup in the 1930s, is in the collections, as is Montreal native Hyman Buller, who played for the New York Rangers in 1951-52.

And how do the two of them determine just who's Jewish and who's not?

Alter points to several source books, including the 1965 Encyclopedia of Jews in Sports, as well as more current books on Jewish athletes.

And both trade information with other Jewish sports card enthusiasts whom they've learned about through dealers and at shows.

In fact, it was a dealer, Gary Barnartt, who introduced the two of them. From their mutual interest, a sort of club has developed in which friends with an interest in Jewish athletes trade information and cards.

Alter said his fellow stamp collectors in the Canadian Association for Israeli Philately formed the nucleus of the group, but they are looking for more people to join their club.

The cards are not that rare or expensive, they say, but the information about who is Jewish is harder to find.

Pinsky said he has compiled a hockey database on his computer and sent the printouts to their counterparts in the United States in exchange for their information.

His interest in card collection is not new — like many, he collected them as a kid, and like many, he saw his mother throw them out when he supposedly grew out of them. His interest was rekindled about two years ago.

Asked why he focuses on this particular aspect of card collecting, Pinsky says 'there have always been Jews in sports and many Jewish sports fans are ignorant about them."

"Jews have in the past carried the burden of being Jewish," Alter said. "Hank Greenberg was taunted for being Jewish and I'm sure some hockey players have gotten a little something extra inthe corners."

"Why shouldn't Jewish fans now support them," chimes in Pinsky.

Alter's collection can be seen on Oct. 25 during a one-day exhibit of Israeli philately at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Aaron Lansky to kick off year of tributes for Sforim

TORONTO —

A year of commemoration of Mendele Moykher Sforim will begin on Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. The opening event will take place at the Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., south of Eglinton Ave.

A lecture will be given by Aaron Lansky, founder of the Amherst, MA-based National Yiddish Book Center. Lansky's topic will be Mendele Moykher Sforim and the Inauspicious Birth of Yiddish Literature.

Sforim, considered the father of modern Yiddish literature, was the first great Yiddish stylist who emerged in the mid-1800s. A humanitarian, satirist, and lover of nature, he developed Yiddish as a literary language as a means of reaching the Jewish masses who knew only Yiddish.

The lecturer, Aaron Lansky, is considered the world's leading Yiddish activist whose sophisticated imaginative projects have energized the whole Yiddish revival movement.

In 1990, at the age of 24, Lansky founded the National Yiddish Book Center, a non-profit organization for the preservation and revitalization of Yiddish culture. Lansky and his organization has won international recognition for its dramatic campaign to rescue over a million unwanted and discarded Yiddish books and return them to active use.

Lansky has been the subject of many articles. He has been honored with awards from many organizations. Lansky is the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, one of America's highest honors. Better known as a Genius Grant, the award will enable Lansky to continue his work on behalf of Yiddish culture during the next five years.

The free lecture is open to the public.

Sponsors include the Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the Holy Blossom Temple adult education committee and the Friends of Yiddish.

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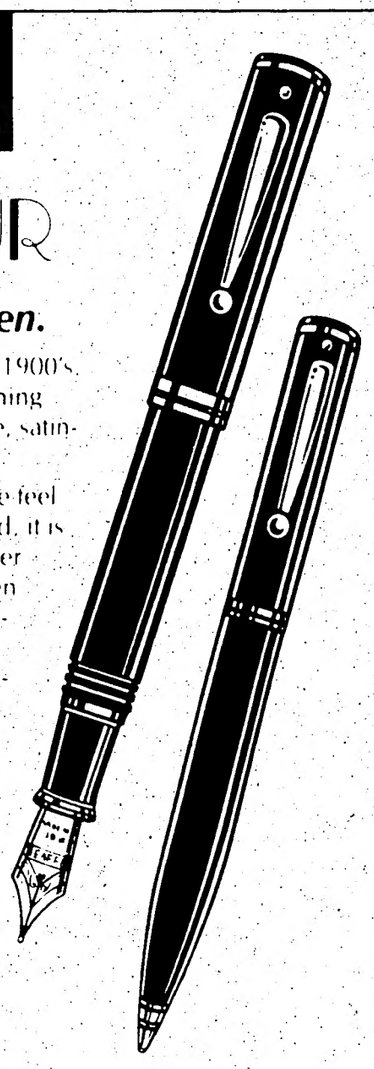

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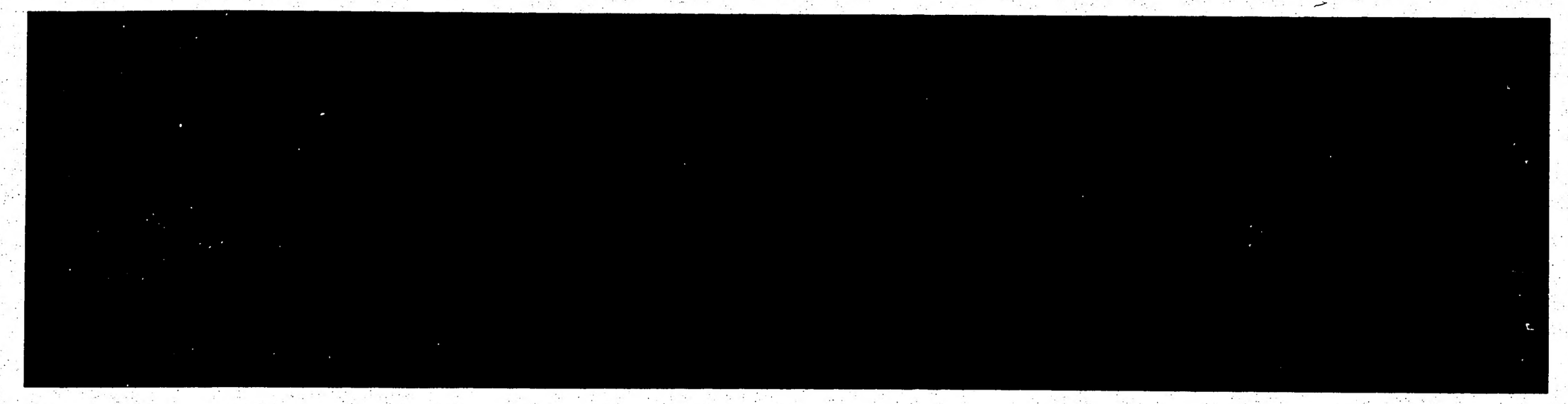

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In the words of one Ramah parent, "Camp Ramah's emphasis on human development, Jewish inspiration, and fun makes it the best possible experience for any children. Every summer my kids come home happy and enriched, and they count the days until the following summer!"

Anthony's Seafood shop offers many delicacies

You know where to find the perfect diamond ring, but where do you look for the perfect plate of calamari salad?

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Anthony's Fine Specialty Seafood, located at 1568 Avenue Road (near Lawrence), presents a wide array of seafood delicacies in a setting that owner John Listro describes as "very different from the standard fish store. It's very much like a boutique," he says, indicating that the counters in his store are all glass. "The view that you get is very different," he says.'

Anthony's has 25 different fish and seafood dishes, ranging from calamari, shrimp and scallop salad to poached salmon and smoked salmon.

Listro emphasizes that everything in his store is fresh. "I work very closely with my supplier," he says. "He ships fresh fish and seafood to me every day, and is able to meet the special requests of my customers."

Listro says he'll do whatever it takes to satisfy his customers, whether it's filling special orders, making gift baskets or catering functions for up to 400 people.

Though Anthony's opened only a month ago, Listro says he has already prepared party trays for some private functions, including Rosh Hashanah get-togethers.

Response to Anthony's "has been good" largely because the shop provides fish and seafood delicacies at modest prices.

"Most of our dishes are available at supermarket prices," says Listro, who worked at Loblaws as a deli seafood manager for eight years before opening Anthony's. "For example, we offer fresh Atlantic salmon for only $8.99 whereas other specialty shops offer it for $12.99."

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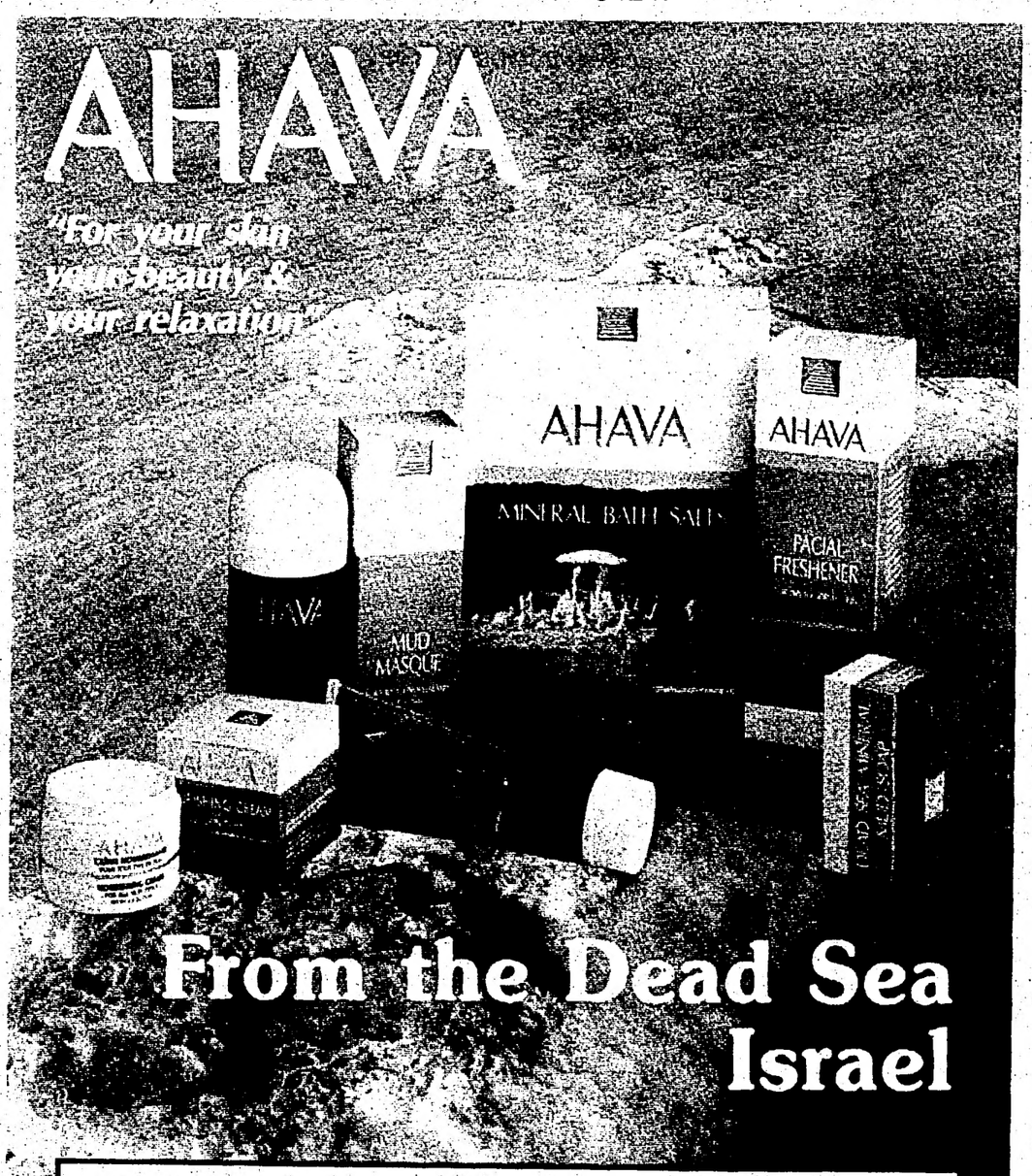

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Hamilton artist shows plenty of promise

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Michael Tozman is a name to watch. At 23 the young artist is barely at the start of his career but his first show — until Oct. 26 at the Hammer Gallery, 10 James St. N. — shows originality and the promise of interesting things to come.

A graduate of McMaster University, where he took a combined honors philosphy and arts course, Tozman has eight pieces in the three-man show with Cynthia Hammond and Matthew Varey.

He's a Montrealer who chose McMaster because its smaller art department allows for "a lot more access to the teachers" and "you can also be much closer to your contemporaries."

Now he is in an advanced course at the Dundas Valley School of Art. Eventually, he hopes to obtain his Master's degree and teach at a university.

In Hamilton he has found a thriving arts community and he likes living here. "It makes sense to be here," he says.

Tozman works with wood. The first pieces he discusses are mixed media on maple, "pretty straightforward but with a humorous element."

Such as the boar made up of blocks of wood with which Tozman wanted to suggest "the way a wild boar snorts."

And indeed, the small boar in the unlikely shades of orange, red and green does seem to be on the point of letting out a loud snort.

Nearby hangs a boar's head, horns sticking out on either side and with an elongated snout shaped to suggest the snort itself.

What he's trying to do, says Tozman, "is to convey a phenomenon. But I try not to be too literal."

Affinity of Essence I and II suggest, well...Tozman admits he himself isn't even sure what they are. "I don't want to mislead people with a title. I let them give their own interpretation."

Pieces from the same tree all seem to have some kind of affinity and as they show their affinity, he explains, "that's how I put them together."

Still Life, which he privately refers to as "creepy-crawley," is an amusing piece sprouting what appears to be the horn of some mythical animal.

Tozman likes to leave the markings of the chain-saw he works with. "I'm really interested in surfaces," he observes. "Surfaces are very important to me."

He also likes to paint the wood. "A lot of people object to color on maple...But you can take it so much further with color," he says.

The remaining three sculptures are totally different in shape and texture, abstract and more serious. Though here, too, Tozman's sense of humor got the better of him, as it did in the piece entitled, *Orville*.

All three are from a series he calls *Archerhythm*, a word he invented. They are of stacked laminated pine with tar, each individual layer cut out with a jigsaw and hand ground.

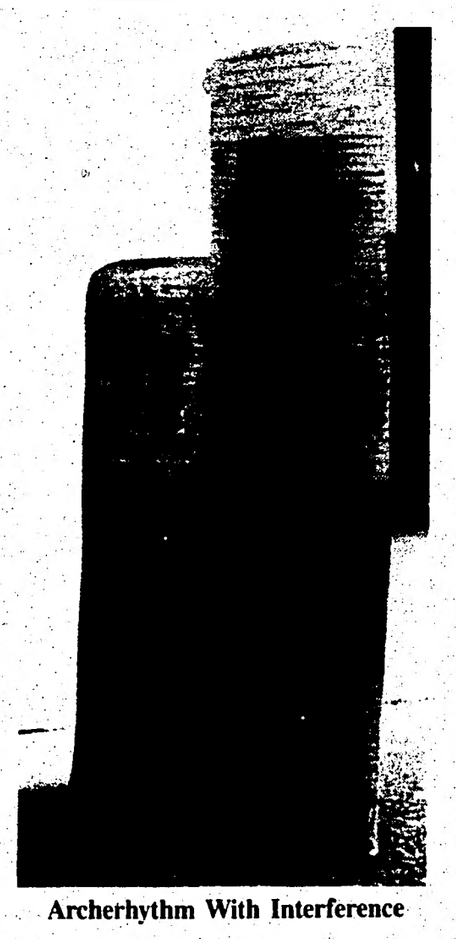
The most interesting of the three, Archerhythm with Interference, took three and a half weeks of working 13 hours a day, he says.

But he'd rather do this 15 hours a day than anything else. He's still hard at work preparing pieces for another show Oct. 22-24 at la Nausee, a bar in Montreal whose owner likes to give space to new young artists.

He'll probably have to "mix and match," by adding works he has at home in Montreal.

These are "more serious things, more personal." They have to do with his feelings as a Jew, he explains. About coming to terms with the Holocaust, though they are not Jewish pieces as such, he adds.

In some of these pieces he has incorporated Yiddish writing. "Putting it into contemporary arts says quite a lot to me," he remarks.



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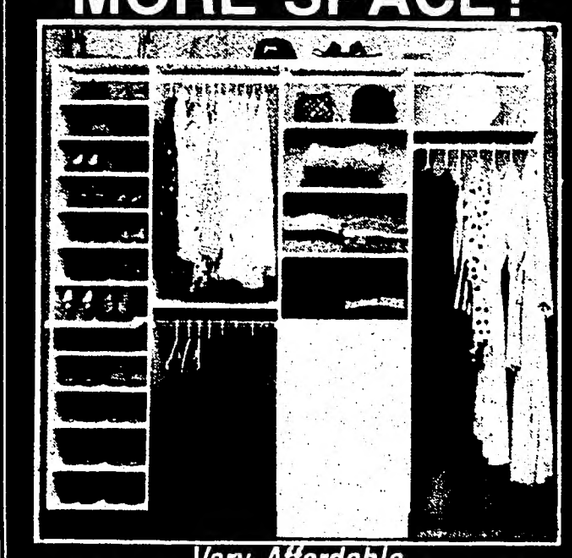

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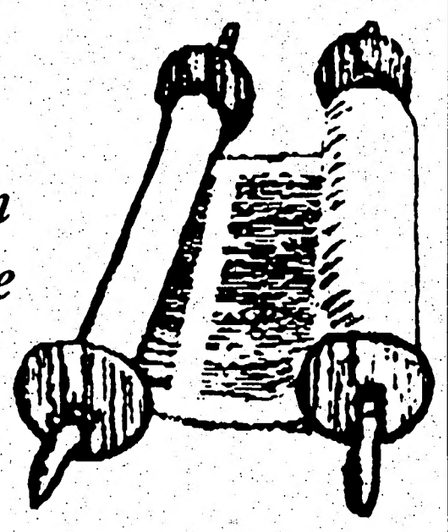

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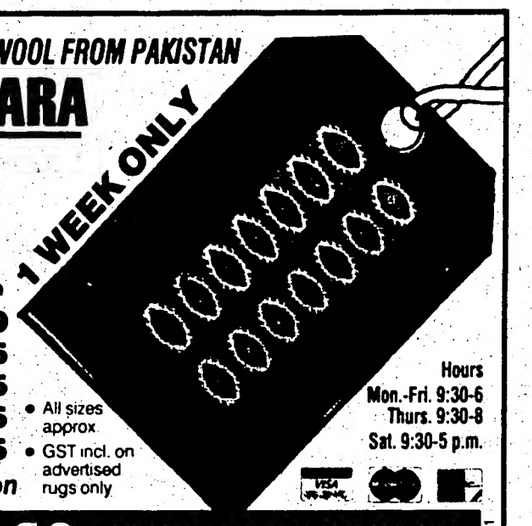

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Comedy touches raw nerve

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Germany is both fascinated and repelled by its Nazi past. The Third Reich, with its panoply of villains, exerts a pull on the public imagination. Yet the Hitler years, with its record of persecution and extermination of European Jewry, remains a stain on German history that many Germans would just rather forget.

These contradictory strains in German society were strongly in evidence in 1983, when Stern magazine published what were purported to be the authentic diaries of Adolf Hitler. However, to its everlasting embarrassment, the diaries were exposed as mere forgeries.

Schtonk, which caused something of a sensation in Germany when it was released earlier this year, is Helmut Dietl's thinly-disguised, farcical account of this notorious and defining incident.

Presented at the 1992 Festival of Festivals, *Schtonk* exhibits a puckish sense of humor as it gleefully exploits Germany's obsession with its Nazi legacy.

Dietl spares no one — not journalists, who foisted the diaries upon an unsuspecting mass readership, nor historians, who solemnly authenticated them.

The film revolves around Fritz Knobel, an art and antique dealer, and Hermann Willie, a money-grubbing unscrupulous reporter who lusts after a scoop to end all scoops.

Knobel (Uwe Ochsenknecht), a n'er-do-well, perfects his craft in postwar Berlin, where he pawns off fake Hitler relics to gullible purchasers. Years later, after selling an "original" painting by Hitler of his mistress Eva Braun, Knobel offers Willie (Gotz George) diaries supposedly written by the one and only fuhrer. Eager to advance his career, Willie convinces his normally cautious publisher that he is on to something big.

The diaries, he insists, will cast Hitler in a "human" light, showing him to be "like you and me." The publisher falls for the bait, but agrees to have them verified by authorities.

Schtonk, a comedy of the absurd, touches a raw nerve in the German body politic. Four decades after the end of World War II, it's clear that the Nazi era remains a source of fascination and abhorrence to most Germans.

Eye on Arts

Mandy Patinkin will appear in the critically acclaimed Mandy Patinkin in Concert: Dress Casual at the Winter Garden Theatre from Oct. 27 to Nov. 1.

Patinkin's career spans every area of the entertainment world including theatre, film and musical recordings. His film work includes *The Princess Bride*, *Yentl*, *The House on Carroll Street* and *Dick Tracy*.

His current show grew out of the CBS recording which includes songs from such stage classics as *Pal Joey* and *Carousel*. For the concert, Patinkin draws from songwriters Stephen Sondheim, Kander and Ebb, Rodgers and Hammerstein and Randy Newman.

Tickets may be purchased at the Winter Garden Theatre box office at 189 Yonge St. or by calling TicketMaster at 872-5555 or at any TicketMaster location.

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The Toronto Arts Council has awarded $110,000 in grants to 33 Toronto composers as part of its first grants to composers program.

The grants to composers program was designed to aid independent professional composers based in the city of Toronto with the costs of creating new musical works.

Among the recipients were Milton Barnes who received $4,000 to compose a 15-minute *Fantasy on Yiddish Themes* for the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the Klezmer Community Band. This work will be performed on May 30 at the Bickford Education Centre in Toronto.

Srul Irving Glick also received $4,000. He will write an 18- minute composition for chamber choir and piano and/or harp, with a text from the Jewish Kaddish service. The work is tentatively titled *In Memoriam — Leonard Bernstein*, to honor the 75th anniversary of this musician. It will be premiered by the Elmer Isler Singers in June 1993 at the Toronto International Choral Festival.

Oskar Morowetz received $4,000, as well. He has been commissioned by the Cleveland Orchestra to write a concerto for bassoon and orchestra.

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The Karney Gallery, 11 Yorkville Ave., is currently showing an exhibition by Canadian artist Aba Bayefsky entitled Myth, Legend, Folktale.

The exhibition will continue unitl Nov. 7.

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Valentin Afanasiev, an accomplished violinist and member of the State Orchestra of Russia, is presenting an exhibition of his oil paintings from Saint Petersburg at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery in the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. until Nov. 29.

The collection will be in three themes: landscapes, abstracts and religious.

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Cambium Film & Video Productions Ltd. and Family Channel are hosting an afternoon of festive family fare on Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Family entertainer Eric Nagler from *Eric's World* will be on hand and a benefit screening of premiere episodes from *Eric's World* will be held.

To raise funds for needy students worldwide, while celebrating its third season launch of *Eric's World*, Cambium, along with Family Channel, are holding a benefit afternoon for ORT, an international school network which provides technological vocational and training to students attending their schools.

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The Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation, the Canadian Crafts Council and the Canadian Museum of Civilization will host a reception and award ceremony in honor of Walter Dexter, recipeint of the 16th annual Saidye Bronfman Award for Excellence in the Crafts, Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Ellis Island to Ebbets Field: Sport & the American Jewish Experience, by Peter Levine (Oxford Press, $35).

The first game of the 1965 World Series between the Minnesota Twins and the Los Angeles Dodgers coincided with Yom Kippur. Sandy Koufax, the Jewish Dodgers pitcher, decided not to play. Instead, Don Drysdale was selected to take his place. Unhappily, he was knocked from the mound in the third inning after giving up six runs.

The story has it that when the manger told him he was through for the day, Drysdale responded, "I bet right now you wish I was Jewish too."

Confronted with a similar conflict about 30 years earlier, Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers, played on Rosh Hashanah. His two home runs on that day defeated the Boston Red Sox. A Cleveland Jewish newspaper trumpeted, "Only one fellow blew the shofar yesterday. He blew the shofar twice and the ears of the Boston Red Sox are still ringing." Greenberg, however, chose not to play on Yom Kippur 10 days later.

According to Peter Levine, professor of Jewish history at Michigan State University, there was a profound difference in the reaction and degree of interest on the part of Jews to the decision of the two players. Greenberg had to balance loyalty to parents, religion and tradition with a commitment to his vocation and his desire to participate fully in American life. Moreover, his dilemma took place at a time when widespread anti-Semitism and stereotype about Jewish "otherness," inferiority and weakness were rife. Understandably, Jews were vitally involved in Greenberg's decision.

A generation later, Koufax's choice, while applauded by Jews, was no longer a matter of great moment for they enjoyed a far more secure role in America's social and economic life.

This work explores the important place of second generation Jews in American sport during the first half of the 20th century. Despite the fact that Jewish tradition was anti-recreational, and over the usual protests of parents who viewed involvement with sports as an unworthy profession, many Jewish athletes emerged. The reader learns about such stars of yesterday as Sid Luckman and Marshall Goldberg (football), Andy Cohen and Al Rosen (baseball), Nat Holman and Jammy Moskowitz (basketball), Benny Leonard and Barney Ross (boxing) — and such contemporary figures as Mark Spitz of Olympic fame and Amy Alcott (golf).

Canadians will enjoy reading about Goody Rosen of Toronto who became a baseball hero to Brooklyn Jews when he played the outfield for the Dodgers in the late 1930s. Commenting on anti-Semitism, on and off the ballfield, he proudly recalls, "We took care of ourselves, we gave as good as we got and we emerged stronger than ever . . . I walked proudly as a Jew, and never took any crap, pardon the expression, from anyone."

Perhaps the most unlikely of all the Jewish ball players was Moe Berg who for 15 years served as a backup catcher. A graduate of Princeton, the Colombia Law School and a student at the Sorbonne, he spoke seven languages and possessed impressive, wide-ranging knowledge. His father, however, who disdained his son's vocation, refused to attend a game. Despite Moe's pleadings he never saw his son play.

This book is not just an anecdotal recital of Jewish sports figures — famous and little known — it is also a sociological study of how succeeding generations of Jewish atheletes relinquished their religious adherence and cultural identification in exchange for full acceptance as Americans.

This well researched study will be of interest to all lovers of sport, even if they remain somewhat dubious about the author's sociological conclusions.

Videos on family trip should be interesting

TORONTO —

One of the most popular uses for camcorders is taping the family vacation. But have you ever noticed how painful it is to watch some of these videos, especially if they're from someone else's vacation?

"Many vacation videos can be real sleep inducers" says Barry Murray, product manager of Panasonic's video group. "If you're going to tape your vacation, you owe it to yourself and your friends to make it interesting."

Whether your travel plans include visiting the Grand Canyon or your grandmother, Murray offers the following tips:

• If your camcorder has a macro lens, videotape the route you plan to take on a map before you leave, then use these segments throughout the video. This way people will know instantly where you are in each segment. While travelling, videotape border signs or landmarks that were on the map. "This breaks up the monotony of kilometre after kilometre of grazing cattle and sheep." Murray says. If you're flying, tape the travel route plan in the airline magazine.

• When you arrive somewhere, tape an establishing, wide-angle shot, then go for close-ups. In some cases a particularly interesting or recognizable sign, such as the one at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, can substitute as your establishing shot.

• Keep narration to a minimum. Identify what it is you're looking at but don't describe it in excruciating detail. "The beauty of video is that everyone can see exactly what you're seeing," Murray says. After you return, you might wish to add narration, but this is best done with a script.

• Let your subjects do the talking. They are, after all, the subjects. Perfectly normal people frequently become extremely funny — intentionally or unintentionally — when the camcorder is on.

• Take your time. "People seeing things for the first time tend to shoot quickly, in two-second spurts," says Murray. "Take your time, pan slowly, and get everything." Count to yourself a minimum of 6-8 seconds per shot. If you're anticipating action, start taping before the action begins and stop after it ends. This will ensure you get all of what you want and give you flexibility to edit.

Put yourself in the show

• If your camcorder has electronic image stabilization (EIS) or another image-steadying feature, use it. "Nothing makes a video more amateurish or annoying to watch than a constantly shaking picture." EIS is especially important as you zoom in closer on your subject. Every jitter becomes visible.

• Get yourself in the video. Show someone else how to use the camcorder. Years from now it will prove that you were there too.

One more tip: Don't keep the viewfinder glued to your eye. Murray says too many people believe if it's not on tape it never happened. Tape only the highlights of your trip, not every waking moment.

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By
TODD HERZOG

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One of the best options available to retired investors is a Retirement Income Fund (RIF). A RIF is essentially a continuation of an RSP, except that the purpose of a RIF, as opposed to an RSP, is to provide a source of income during retirement. The accumulated funds in your RSP are simply rolled over into a RIF by December 31 of the year in which you reach the age of 71.

RIFs offer some important advantages, the most important of which is the flexibility to design your own pension. RIFs are more flexible than annuities since the amount and frequency of payments can be varied. You can elect to have payments made from the plan on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, and you can change the frequency of payments whenever you like. Lump-sum withdrawals are also possible. In addition, subject to a minimum payment amount, you can vary the amount of your payments as desired. However, you should know that the amount you decide to withdraw can have a dramatic effect on the payment schedule of your RIF.

The funds within a RIF must be depleted by the time you reach 90 years of age. Each year, you must withdraw a minimum amount based on the number of years left until your 90th year. For example, if you are now 75, you have 15 years left to age 90. As a result, you would have to withdraw at least 1/15th of the value of the RIF in the current year. Next year, you would have to withdraw a minimum of 1/14th, and so on. As long as you withdraw the minimum amount each year, you can withdraw more depending on your needs. You should be aware that by deducting more in the early years of your RIF, you will reduce the amount you can withdraw from in later years.

In setting up a RIF and deciding on the amount of payments, it is critical to determine your objectives so appropriate choices can be made. If you simply want a RIF to provide a sheltered vehicle for your investments, and if monthly income is not a priority, then you may decide to draw only the minimum amounts, especially in the early years. However, if you are concerned with providing yourself with a regular income (indexed for inflation), yet leave an estate upon your death, then you can structure your payments accordingly. If at any time your objectives change, then you can alter the payment structure to meet your redefined needs. This is the most obvious benefit of a flexible RIF plan.

To increase the flexibility of your RIF, a self-directed RIF can be set up (similar to a self-directed RSP), giving you the ability to control your own capital. Based on your objectives, you can structure your portfolio to match your specific needs. Keep in mind, though, that unlike an RSP which is designed for capital growth, a RIF is designed for security and income. In most cases, the funds in a RIF should be invested in secure, liquid investments which provide income. If you've invested in GICs, it's important to stagger your maturities to provide quicker access to funds should you require a lump-sum payment, and to provide for adequate funds to meet the annual minimum withdrawals. The option to invest in equities to combat inflation is also a significant benefit of self-directed RIFs.

Upon your death, your RIF will roll over tax-free to either your spouse's RIF or RSP, assuming he or she has been named as your beneficiary. If your objective is to provide an estate, then smaller withdrawals in the early years of the RIF will provide a larger sum toward the end.

When speaking with your investment advisor, ask to see what your RIF portfolio might look like, taking into account variables such as your age when you start your RIF, the rate of return anticipated to be earned on your investments and any special payment amounts you may wish to make.

You will then see the important role a RIF can play in providing you with your retirement income needs.

Bonds introduces innovative programs

TORONTO —

The State of Israel Bonds campaign is in full swing and on the move, including breakfast in the Wood Gundy boardroom featuring opposition MK Ehud Olmert, three major dinners, a Festival gala and a public ceremony that bestowed a major award on Ontario Appeal Court Justice Sydney Robins.

"We have tried to be very innovative in our choice of events for this year's campaign," says Harvey Solursh, chairman Ontario region for Bonds. "But at the same time, we are encouraging people to purchase Bonds because they represent excellent value and security as investments."

Investment merit has indeed been an important factor as the Bond office reports increasing numbers of non-Jewish individuals and corporations buying up the five basic instruments available here in Canada. "We have seen copies of various independent reports commissioned by some very major Employee Pension Funds. They strongly endorse the products we sell and they also note Israel's impeccable record of repayment — 43 years and not a single late payment," added Lawrence Weller, the executive director for Ontario.

This year's campaign slogan for Bonds — "It pays to invest in Israel" reflects the intrinsic value of Bonds as both a means of strengthening Israel's economy and enhancing one's investment portfolio at the same time. "We have a lot of ground to cover," says the new national executive vice-president, Charles S. Diamond. "There are a lot of people who still think we are a second rate family paying four percent on donations to Israel," which is hardly the case anymore, if indeed it ever was.

Meaningful investment

Says Diamond, "We offer a meaningful passive investment which measures up very well against similar financial products in the marketplace."

The major difference though, is that Bonds are still sold largely through functions, divisions canvassing and at the annual Kol Nidre appeal, which takes place in most synagogues throughout the country with the exception of all but three synagogues in the Province of Quebec.

Despite the gains that Bonds are making in the non-traditional and non-Jewish markets, the synagogue Bond appeal remains central to the campaign.

In addition to spreading the word that Bonds represent a very credible investment option, part of this year's campaign strategy involves sharing a rather unflattering statistic, namely that only three percent of Canadian Jews purchased Israel Bonds last year. "Most people seem quite startled and a little embarrassed by that revelation," according to Canada-Israel Securities, vice president Norman Spector. "We are hoping that people will respond to the challenge by dramatically improving that figure."

Tribute dinner

While the recession has not helped any organization aimed at channelling funds to Israel, low interest rates definitely heightened the appeal for Israel Bonds. As Solursh points out, "Even our most basic instrument, the four percent savings Bond compares quite favorably to U.S. currency investments available from Canadian banks and trust companies." Four percent, which start at $250 U.S., can be cashed in Israel by tourists after one year for payment in Israeli shekels.

The climax of this year's campaign will be a gala Tribute Dinner on November 1 in Toronto, which will honor long-time community leader Kurt Rothschild. Rothschild will be the recipient of the Keter Shem Tov Award or the Crown of the Good Name Shield. The award derives it's name from a passage in the Mishna which enumerates three crowns in the Jewish tradition but goes on to say that "the crown of a good name exceeds all others" in importance.

Tickets are still available for this event. For further information on upcoming Bond events or a description of any of the instruments available for sale, telephone the Toronto Bond office at 789-3351 or any of the six other Bond offices in Canada.

State of Israel Bonds hopes to sell $100 million U.S. worth of Bonds and Notes in Canada by the conclusion of 1992. The government of Israel has earmarked all Bond dollars this year for job training and employment creation.

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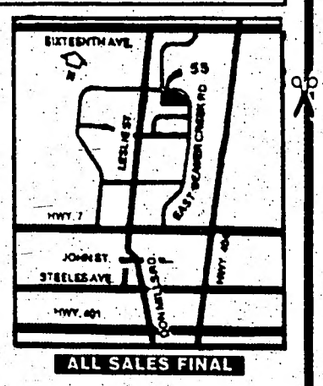

ALL SALES FINAL

Denver, Rocky Mountain region focus of real estate investment

By HILARY HORLOCK

DENVER —

Denver and the Rocky Mountain region continue to draw experienced, successful investors who have recognized the area's potential.

Venture Investments Ltd., in partnership with the National Bank of Canada and the Toulon Group (both based in Montreal), recently purchased Columbine Place, a 17-storey CBD office tower in Denver, Centennial Center, a retail strip centre in Louisville, Colorado and One Commerce Center, a multi-tenant office building in Colorado Springs.

"Venture Investments is a discriminating company constantly looking for opportunities that make financial sense. We have a strong, long term belief in Denver and the Rocky Mountain region and we are here to stay. Venture is putting the full commitment of our resources into our growing operations here, with the anticipation of acquiring additional properties in the future," said Jim Elterman, chief financial officer.

Dan Kleinman, managing general partner of Venture Investments, said the company looked hard at the pros and cons of the area, assessing Colorado's potential on both an economic and geographic scale.

"Denver and the Rocky Mountain region has paid its dues in the commercial real estate arena. We believe the region has lots of potential. There are already strong indications that a commercial real estate recovery is underway and we are excited that we are here at the right time."

Venture Investments Ltd. is a combination of over half a century of talented commercial real estate practitioners. The Toulon Group, which operates as the general partner under the name of Columbine Associates here in Denver, was established 35 years ago in Montreal.

Chairman John Alper and president Bernie Palevsky develop and manage properties across Canada and the Eastern United States and in Phoenix. Toulon owns office towers, regional shopping centres, single and multi-family residential properties, vacation resorts, warehouses and industrial parks.

The National Bank of Canada is an active player in the Front Range commercial real estate market and is familiar to the Denver marketplace as Clarmont Enterprises. The National Bank sold Columbine Place, Centennial Center and One Commerce Center to Venture Investments Ltd. and maintains a 50 percent Limited Partner interest.

Active in the commercial real estate marketplace for over 10 years in Florida, Kleiman and Elterman have a strong management background in retail, residential and resort enterprises. In fact, it is as a result of their successful management of National Bank of Canada assets in Florida that Venture Investments is the active managing partner in the bank's Colorado assets. In addition to being owner/manager of the three properties mentioned, Venture will be managing an additional six properties in the Front Range for the bank.

Kleiman, an extremely successful entrepreneur in his 40s with a disarming "Miami Vice" style, owns a chain of upscale gourmet restaurants in Florida and is an active investor in numerous projects in the south Florida area, including the current development of numerous custom residences which range from $200,000 to over $1 million.

"Venture is a strategic-thinking company. Based on our background as owner/managers of successful properties, we are constantly considering new opportunities and looking for investments that make sound economic sense. Although we utilize numerous financial forecasting models to measure our investment goals, we analyze each on its own merit. We fully intend to continue this policy in Colorado as we look to expand over the next few years," said Kleiman.

Elterman has an extensive marketing and management background and has been active in commercial real estate since 1982. His experience covers real estate syndication and financial analysis and property management throughout the south eastern United States. Together with Kleiman, he is responsible for the management of an international tennis resort in Del Ray Beach purchased in 1991 for $8.5 million.

In addition to Columbine, Centennial and Commerce, Venture Investments manages Erindale Square, a retail centre in Colorado Springs, Centennial Business Plaza, a single tenant office building in Colorado Springs, Citadel Business Plaza, multi-tenant office/showroom/R&D buildings in Castle Rock, a multi-use, two-storey building at 19th and Welton in Denver, Meadows Shopping Center in Lakewood and Westpark Garden Office Center.

Kleiman and Elterman are genuinely excited about their presence in the Rocky Mountain region and look forward to the company's future here. From their office on the eighth floor of Columbine Place, they expressed enthusiasm about meeting brokers here in Denver.

"You know the old saying — nothing ventured . . . Venture Investments will be happy to consider any realistic opportunity," said Kleiman.

Color videophone hits market

TORONTO —

AT&T has introduced the world's first full-color, motion videophone into the Canadian market, predicting that videophones will be as popular in 10 years as cordless and cellular phones are now.

The AT&T VideoPhone 2500 sends and receives calls over existing telephone lines for the same price as voice calls, and can operate in virtually any home in Canada.

Until now, video communications have been mainly limited to business videoconferencing using digital networks. But AT&T's breakthrough technology makes video communications so simple that anyone can take the VideoPhone 2500 home, plug it in, and use it then and there.

"We're bringing human sight and sound together at last. Not just for corporations, but for everybody. For the first time ever, people can communicate over the phone just like they do in person — they can see each other while they talk," says Gary Genaw, managing director Americas — AT&T consumer products.

The AT&T VideoPhone is a standard-sized feature telephone, with a fold-up panel holding its 3.5 inch liquid crystal display (LCD) screen and camera lens. It plugs into standard telephone and power outlets and has been approved by the Department of Communications (DOC) and the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

Once a voice call is made, the users each touch the video key on their phones, which activates the video call. The color video moves at up to 10 frames per second. Callers can ensure privacy by closing a shutter over the lens at any time or choose not to implement the video portion of the call.

The development of the VideoPhone 2500 was led by AT&T consumer products, and represents a major collaboration among AT&T Bell Laboratories and several other AT&T business units. Their work brought together elements of AT&T product development, including audio compression, software integration, digital signalling processors and a state-of-the-art, built-in modem. The video compression technology was provided by Compression Labs Inc., of San Jose, California, in a joint development agreement with AT&T.

"We anticipate a significant amount of activity from both consumers and the business market, once the VideoPhone is introduced," says Gordon Simmonds, president of Lenbrook Industries Ltd. of Pickering, Ontario. Lenbrook is AT&T consumer products' Canadian partner in the distribution of its products.

The VideoPhone 2500 will be available at selected retailers across Canada within the next 60 days, and is expected to sell at $1,999 per unit.

For information about product availability and locations, please call 1-800-263-4641.

Auto dealer unconcerned over NAFTA

By JOSEPH SERGE

TORONTO —

The automotive industry will not be hurt by the North American Free Trade Agreement, says the sales manager at Addison At Bay.

"Free trade is good for the new car business and it's good for the consumer," says Bill Cathers. Before free trade with the United States, cars were sold with a premium to compete with American-made cars. "The Mexican deal," he says, "won't change a lot. It will help to cement prices."

Addison sells five of the major General Motors lines: Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Cadillac and Asuna. The major sellers, Cathers says, are the Pontiac Sunbird and Grand Am, and the Cadillac Sevile and El Dorado.

The Sunbird, for example, normally comes equipped with front wheel drive, fuel ignition, anti-lock brakes, bucket seats and more. It is a popular car because of the value. "It's at the same price it was two years ago," Cathers says, "and it comes with more advanced equipment. Popular colors for the Pontiacs are reds, whites and blacks. Darker colors like black and polar green are popular on the Cadillacs.

Cathers says the war of words between Japan and the United States over the auto industry has helped the North American car market.

"There's a big 'Buy North American' feeling right now. We have to thank the Japanese and stab them in the back at the same time," Cathers says. "In the late '70s and early '80s North American cars were inferior to Japanese, but now they're just as good or better than the Japanese and European cars."

Buying North American, he says, now has more value than before. "You get a lot more car for the same money."

Cathers says there is no question that volume is down somewhat since the recession. "On a good day, we should average four or five sales a day. We don't get that as frequently as we did a few years ago."

However, Cathers says, people still have to buy cars now and then. "People are buying lower-end cars. There is a shift towards the little, cheaper cars," he says. "They're looking for a good value."

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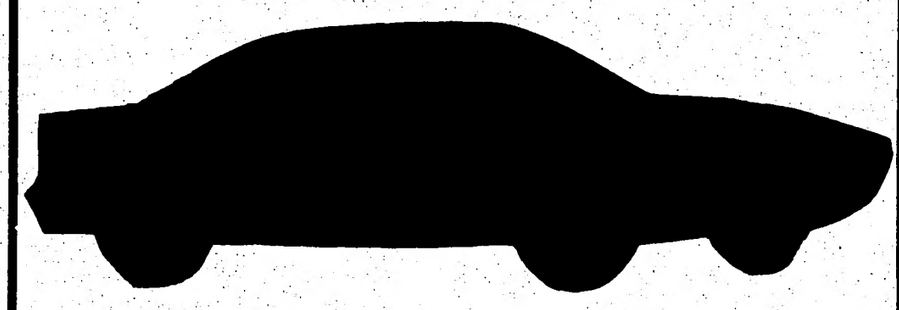
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Bathurst & St. Clair 4 plex, totally renovated, good income, must sell, don't miss! *Shula Schwartzman 764-7200

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Custom home about 4,000 sq. ft. + fin. bsmt, at Bathurst & Clark, extras ++ *Andrea Halpern 764-7200

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$365,000 buys quality. 9 ft. ceilings, white/grey decor, whirlpool & much more! **Maxine Povering 764-7200

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Elegant 2,404 sq. ft. 4 bdrm home, grey/white decor, fab. design, move in condition! *Michael Millstone 764-7200

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4 bdrm home, over 2,500 sq. ft., $$$ in extras! Vendor bought firm! *Allen Sidofsky 764-7200

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LOWER VILLAGE — $849,000
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Splendid 3-storey 5 BR. Family room on main. Stunning library on 2nd. Large principal rooms. *Leslie Dennis.

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13 Apartments For Rent

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Saul Loterman on Oct 8/92, late of 84 Roberta Drive.

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Frank Borenstein** will take place on Sunday, October 25, 1992, 11:45am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Apter Society Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 12157

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Sam Krochwill** take place on Sunday, October 25, 1992, 1:00pm, at Pardes Shalom Cemetery, Community Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 12176

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Shaare Zedek examining changes in eyesight

JERUSALEM —

What does the optometrist or ophthalmologist look for during the regular eye examinations recommended during the ages of rapid changes, between 11-23, and again after the age of 45?

In the very young, they would look for an eye that turns out or a "lazy" eye — one with reduced vision.

The most severe abnormality of the middle-aged and elderly is glaucoma. Worldwide, after 45, the most common defect is presbyopia, mistakenly called far-sightedness, but really an inflexibility of the eye lens. In the Jewish world of Jerusalem, however, the most prevalent difficulty is nearsightedness.

Studies, done at Shaare Zedek Medical Center and the Amazon jungle, came up with two theories to explain the different rates of near-sightedness between different sets of ethnic patients overseas and those in Israel.

One theory is that, while learning Talmud, the yeshivah students deal with typefaces of greatly varying sizes, and they change their focus continuously as they move to and fro in the course of their learning. The results of the studies suggest that being in the great outdoors, rather than in a walled-in environment, cuts down on near-sightedness.

For those of us confined to urban centres, do eye exercises have any effect? It depends on whom you ask. Should we be more wary genetically? Since we really can't choose our relatives, what about our lifestyles? Specifically, what effect do computers have? The consensus, according to Dr. Morton Seelenfreund of Shaare Zedek, is that there is no proven damage caused by spending hours with our eyeballs glued to the screen . . . but he also admits that doing so without taking a break brings him more patients.

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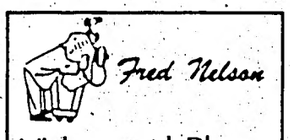
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Former Northcliffe students relive old times

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Hail, hail, the gang's all here — that is the old gang from Northcliffe Boulevard.

Back in the 1930s, some 20 Jewsh families lived on Northcliffe Boulevard, just north of Cloverlawn Avenue. Most were first generation who had come from Poland, Russia and Romania.

They were an industrious group of high energy people who had entered the business and professional worlds. There was a strong bond formed in this extended family as parents and their children developed lifelong friendships.

Recently, more than 100 former residents of Northcliffe and their spouses held a first-ever fun-filled reunion at Maple Downs Country Club.

"Tonight is a night for reminiscing, for nostalgia and for revelling in memories of our mutual past," said Bill Clarfield who was the master of ceremonies for the dinner reunion. "Tonight is a celebration of the Northcliffe neighborhood that shaped and influenced all of us," said Clarfield in his welcome.

He noted that the reunion was the culmination of years of "talking and dreaming." He credited Blanche (Freeman) Katz with initiating the first meeting to plan the reunion. Members of the planning committed included, Marion (Freeman) Orenstein, Bill and Phyllis Clarfield, Eleanor (Silver) and Hartley Steinberg, Eleanor (Saltzman) Godfrey, Ruby (Freedom) Bronsten, Shaynka (Robins) Farber, Ida (Crystal) Bloom, Al Silver, Goldy (Gordon) Collins, Hoody (Sadomsky) Charendoff (Samuel) Prusky.

Signs from the Northcliffe area set the backdrop for an evening filled with humor. Sam Goldhar, referred to as "our elder statesman," made the blessings. The evening was permeated with original songs, nostalgic speeches, a picture display and a special candle lighting by the matriarchs and patriarchs including, Sam Goldhar, Rae Saltzman, Angou Silver, Jean Silver, Hilda Freeman, Anne (Weinstock) Glazer and Rose Freedman.

Some of the speakers were Laura (Bolter) Spergel, Rose (Clarfield) Weinstock, Leo Goldhar, justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal Sidney Robins, Morry Charendoff, Barbara (Winston) Adexander, Bea (Samuel) Wortsman and Bernie Hoffman.

A special tribute was paid to Rabbi David Monston. "Rabbi Monson and his wife Sue not only occupy a unique place in our community," said Clarfield, "they also have a special attachment to this group here tonight. For many of us, Rabbi Monson was the first rabbi of the Northcliffe community. Many of our parents were involved in the founding of Shaarei Synagogue on St. Clair Avenue and Rabbi Monson is a part of that history as well."

At the Northcliffe Blvd. reunion are (from left) Anne Weinstock Glazer, Rose Freedman, Angou Silver, Sam Goldhar, Rae Saltzman, Jean Silver and Hilda Freeman.

Russian artist's works get better and better

By MOURA WOLPERT HAMILTON —

"I don't want to be saleable. I want to be good!"

So said Sergei Malina a little over a year ago at his first one-man show at the JCC.

The show lasted only a couple of days and the paintings were mostly those he had brought from Russia when he arrived here the previous summer.

His talent was obvious then and it was even more obvious at a recent Westdale Gallery show.

Born in Kiev in 1965, Malina attended a special art school for 12 years, then studied at an art college for a further seven years as well as at a private studio. He continued his studies in other private studios for another two years.

His attempts to be accepted at an art university were unsuccessful because, he says, he lacked the right connections.

But that doesn't seem to have mattered in the least. The still life of a tall vase with flowers that sits on an easel in the gallery window attests to the thorough training he received, as well as to his artistic sensibilities and perceptions.

Malina is a determined young painter and according to gallery owner, Linda MacRae, "he will definitely make a name for himself."

Certainly, the works on view here showed him to be a very meticulous and versatile artist.

There were large, powerful works, many of them still dating from Russia, a number of exquisite small drawings and several lovely landscapes painted around this area, one of them of the trees lining the road to the JCC.

Most were oil on canvas, some mixed media and some of the drawings are pen and ink.

A Toronto gallery has expressed interest in Malina and he is now trying to build up a body of work.

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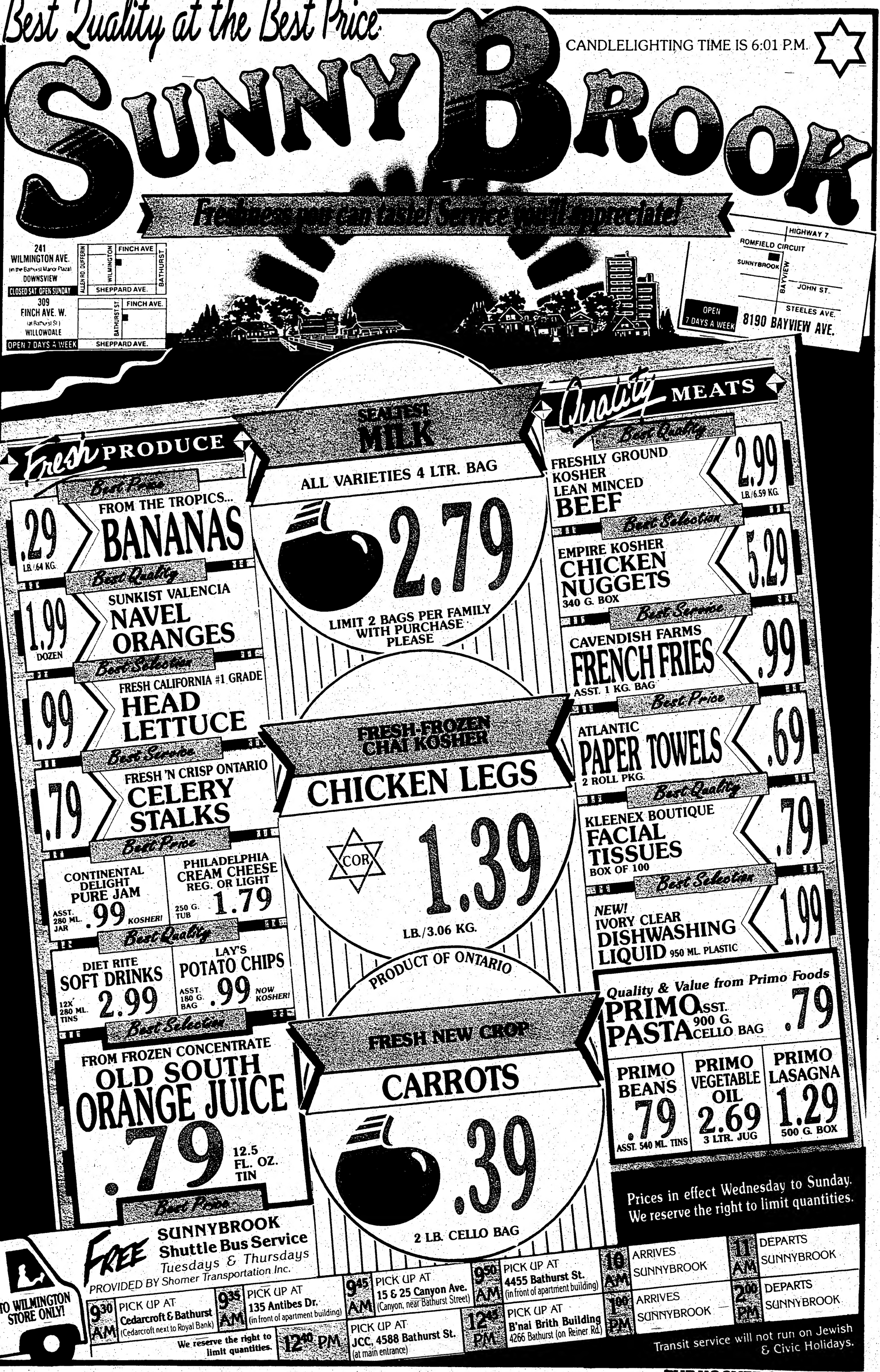

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